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**TRANSCRIPT OF
PUBLIC HEARING ON REDISTRICTING
IDENTIFICATION OF COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST
MAY 4, 2001**

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ROOM - ROOM 310
1600 PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

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1 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA; FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2001; 11:00 A.M.

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3 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: I WANT TO THANK
4 EVERYBODY FOR ATTENDING THIS HEARING OF THE ASSEMBLY
5 COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS REAPPORTIONMENT AND CONSTITUTIONAL
6 AMMENDMENTS.

7 THE CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY IS COMMITTED TO
8 CONDUCTING A FAIR AND OPEN REDISTRICTING PROCESS IN WHICH
9 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ABLE TO HAVE A VOICE AND AN
10 EFFECTIVE ROLE.

11 THIS IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF HEARINGS
12 THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE HOLDING THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO
13 GATHER PUBLIC INPUT INTO THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS, AND AS
14 I IMAGINE, PROBABLY EVERYBODY HERE KNOWS WE'RE ALL COUNTED
15 BY THE CENSUS BUREAU EVERY TEN YEARS AND NEW LINES HAVE TO
16 BE DRAWN TO REFLECT THE BAKER VERSUS CARR ONE PERSON ONE
17 VOTE RULING. AND THE 2000 CENSUS BEING A YEAR OLD, WE'VE
18 NOW RECEIVED THE RESULTS AND SHOWING US THAT WE'VE HAD AN
19 OVERALL INCREASE IN POPULATION AND THAT OUR POPULATION HAS
20 SHIFTED.

21 WE HAVE A POPULATION NOW IN CALIFORNIA OF
22 ROUGHLY 33,871,648, APPROXIMATELY, AS OF A YEAR AGO, AND
23 PEOPLE MOVED AROUND IN THE STATE. SO WE NEED TO FIND OUT
24 WHERE THEY ARE SO THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE
25 LINES DRAWN CORRECTLY TO REFLECT THEIR COMMUNITIES OF

1 INTEREST.

2 THE MOST BASIC PRINCIPLE THAT WE HAVE TO
3 FOLLOW IS THE ONE PERSON ONE VOTE PRINCIPLE SO THAT
4 EVERYBODY HAS EQUAL REPRESENTATION. THE DISTRICTS OF THE
5 SAME CATEGORY, WHETHER IT'S ASSEMBLY, SENATE,
6 CONGRESSIONAL, OR BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, HAVE TO BE AS
7 CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE SAME NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN THEM SO
8 THAT PEOPLE ARE FAIRLY AND EQUALLY REPRESENTED.

9 FOR THE ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS, DURING THE NEXT
10 DECADE, ALL OF THEM WILL BE BASED ON A POPULATION AT THE
11 TIME OF THE CENSUS A YEAR AGO OF ABOUT 423,396,
12 APPROXIMATELY, AS COMPARED WITH A DECADE AGO, IT WAS
13 372,000. SO THERE'S BEEN, AS YOU CAN TELL, QUITE A BIT OF
14 GROWTH THERE.

15 WE HAVE A TOTAL OF ONE ADDITIONAL
16 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, BRINGING US TO 53, AS COMPARED
17 WITH THE 52 THAT WE HAVE HAD FOR THE LAST DECADE, WHICH
18 MEANS THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL SEATS WILL EACH HAVE
19 APPROXIMATELY 639,088 PEOPLE IN THEM AS OF APRIL OF LAST
20 YEAR, AND THE SENATE DISTRICT'S IDEAL POPULATION FOR THE
21 DECADE TO COME IS 846,791.

22 WE HAVE TO REFLECT THE SHIFTS IN POPULATION
23 AS WELL AS THE ADDITION OF THIS NEW CONGRESSIONAL SEAT.
24 NOTE THAT THE ADDITION OF ONE NEW CONGRESSIONAL SEAT IS
25 ROUGHLY A 2-PERCENT DIFFERENCE, MOVING UP FROM 52- TO 53-.

1 WITHIN THE STATE, THE DISPROPORTIONATE GROWTH
2 IN SOME AREAS WILL PRODUCE A DIFFERENCE OF FAR MORE THAN 2
3 PERCENT IN SOME AREAS. SO, ACTUALLY, THE IMPACT OF THE
4 POPULATION, JUST SHIFTING GROWTH OR VARYING GROWTH WITHIN
5 THE STATE, ACTUALLY HAS A GREATER IMPACT ON THE LINES THAN
6 DOES ADDING THE NEW CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. BUT IN ANY
7 CASE, WE WILL TRY TO TAKE ALL THOSE INTO ACCOUNT.

8 YOU'LL SEE SOME MAPS ON THE WALLS WHICH SHOW
9 EXISTING DISTRICTS. DO WE HAVE ALL THOSE MAPS UP FOR ALL
10 THE DISTRICTS? I BELIEVE WE DO SOMEWHERE AROUND THE ROOM
11 HAVE ALL OF THE MAPS THAT SHOW WHAT THE EXISTING DISTRICTS
12 ARE SO THAT YOU CAN GET AN IDEA OF WHERE WE'RE STARTING
13 FROM.

14 THERE ARE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES
15 THAT WE HAVE TO FOLLOW IN DOING THIS. SOME OF THEM COME
16 FROM THE CONSTITUTION ITSELF, THE UNITED STATES
17 CONSTITUTION. SOME FROM THE FEDERAL VOTING RIGHTS ACT.
18 WE HAVE THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF
19 COURT DECISIONS INTERPRETING THOSE THINGS THAT WE HAVE TO
20 FOLLOW AS WELL AS OTHER FACTORS THAT WE PAY ATTENTION TO.

21 ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS IS
22 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST. AND COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST CAN
23 BE BROADLY DEFINED. THEY CAN BE GEOGRAPHICAL, SUCH AS
24 PLACES WHERE RIVERS OR MOUNTAINS CAUSE PEOPLE TO BE
25 GROUPED TOGETHER. THEY MIGHT BE POLITICAL, SUCH AS THE

1 BOUNDARY LINES OF A CITY OR A COUNTY. COMMUNITIES OF
2 INTEREST CAN INCLUDE OTHER FACTORS: SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS,
3 RURAL OR URBAN CHARACTER OF AN AREA, THE TRANSPORTATION OR
4 MEDIA IN THE AREA.

5 SO WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT COMMUNITIES OF
6 INTEREST, THERE ARE SO MANY DIFFERENT THINGS THAT MAKE
7 THEM UP. INEVITABLY, COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST WILL BE
8 DIVIDED, BUT WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR IS FOR PEOPLE TO TELL
9 US WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST, IN
10 THEIR MINDS, THAT WE SHOULD AVOID DIVIDING, OR AT LEAST
11 TRY VERY HARD TO AVOID DIVIDING.

12 SO THAT'S WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR FROM YOU.
13 THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR, IS TO HEAR FROM THE PEOPLE OF
14 THIS AREA, THE PEOPLE OF SAN DIEGO AND THE AREA THAT
15 EXTENDS OUT ON THE FRINGES OF SAN DIEGO AS WELL, WHAT IS
16 IT THAT YOU REGARD TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMUNITIES OF
17 INTEREST THAT WE SHOULD TRY TO AVOID SPLITTING, AS WE DRAW
18 THESE DISTRICTS. AND, OF COURSE, WE WILL ALSO BE
19 CONSTRAINED BY THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AS WE DO THIS.

20 OUR MAIN PURPOSE TODAY IS TO RECEIVE THAT
21 TESTIMONY. AND LET ME POINT OUT THAT IN ADDITION TO
22 TESTIFYING TODAY, THERE ARE SOME OTHER WAYS THAT WE CAN
23 INTERACT ON THIS PROCESS. YOU CAN RECEIVE ADDITIONAL
24 INFORMATION, AND YOU CAN GIVE US ADDITIONAL INFORMATION,
25 FOR EXAMPLE, THROUGH OUR WEBSITE, WHICH IS AVAILABLE. THE

1 INFORMATION THAT'S OUT ON THE TABLES OUT IN THE HALL, YOU
2 CAN GATHER FROM THAT A WEALTH OF INFORMATION, INCLUDING
3 THE WEBSITE ADDRESS. NOTICE OF ALL THE HEARINGS WILL
4 APPEAR ON THAT SITE. EVEN THOUGH IT'S LISTED ON THE
5 MATERIAL, LET ME JUST QUICKLY SAY IT FOR ANYBODY WHO
6 DOESN'T WANT TO GO GATHER ALL THE MATERIAL. IT'S
7 WWW.ASSEMBLY.CA.GOV/ERCA. THAT'S THE ELECTIONS
8 REAPPORTIONMENT CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, FOR THE
9 COMMITTEE.

10 AN ASSEMBLY REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE OFFICE
11 HAS BEEN SET UP TO WHICH YOU CAN SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS,
12 SUGGESTIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS. SO IF YOU THINK OF
13 SOMETHING AFTER THIS HEARING TODAY, YOU CAN STILL GET IN
14 TOUCH WITH US. THAT OFFICE IS LOCATED AT 1020 N STREET,
15 ROOM 357, SACRAMENTO, 95814.

16 IF YOU TESTIFIED TODAY OR IF YOU SUBMIT A
17 REQUEST TO THAT OFFICE, WE'LL SEE THAT YOU RECEIVE NOTICE
18 OF ALL COMMITTEE HEARINGS. AT THE WEBSITE AND AVAILABLE
19 AT THIS HEARING IN HARD COPY IS A DOCUMENT ENTITLED,
20 "REDISTRICTING PLANS SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC."
21 I RECOMMEND THAT YOU REVIEW THIS DOCUMENT, WHICH SETS OUT
22 VARIOUS PROCEDURES AND SUGGESTIONS TO FACILITATE YOUR
23 SUBMISSION OF REDISTRICTING PROPOSALS, RECOMMENDATIONS,
24 AND COMMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE.

25 IF YOU HAVE AN ACTUAL REDISTRICTING PLAN THAT

1 YOU WISH TO SUBMIT FOR CONSIDERATION, THE COMMITTEE
2 WEBSITE WILL CONNECT YOU TO A SPECIALIZED WEBSITE WHICH
3 EXPLAINS THAT PARTICULAR PROCESS AND THROUGH WHICH YOU CAN
4 ACTUALLY SUBMIT YOUR PLAN ELECTRONICALLY.

5 WHAT THAT MEANS IS THAT THIS PROCESS IS GOING
6 TO BE THE MOST OPEN THAT ANY REDISTRICTING HAS EVER BEEN
7 DONE IN SEVERAL WAYS, BUT IT MEANS THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE
8 TO GO THROUGH THE INTERNET TO OUR WEBSITE AND SEE NOT ONLY
9 THE MAPS THAT REDEVELOP, BUT ALSO ANY MAPS THAT ARE
10 SUBMITTED TO US ELECTRONICALLY WILL BE UP ON THAT
11 WEBSITE. SO YOU CAN ACTUALLY COMPARE WHAT DIFFERENT
12 PEOPLE ARE SUBMITTING AND WHAT DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS ARE
13 SUBMITTING.

14 AS I MENTIONED, THIS IS ONE OF JUST A SERIES
15 OF REDISTRICTING HEARINGS THAT WE'RE HOLDING AROUND THE
16 STATE. IN ADDITION TO THESE HEARINGS -- CURRENTLY, WE
17 THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ABOUT EIGHT OF THEM. IN
18 ADDITION TO THAT, AFTER WE HAVE SUBMITTED MAPS OURSELVES,
19 AFTER WE HAVE PREPARED SOME MAPS OURSELVES AND WE'RE INTO
20 THE PROCESS OF COMPARING THESE MAPS, WE PLAN TO HOLD TWO
21 OR MORE DAYS OF HEARINGS IN SACRAMENTO. IT'S OUR
22 INTENTION, IF WE CAN HANDLE THE TECHNOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF
23 THIS, TO HOOK THOSE HEARINGS UP BY SATELLITE TO LOCATIONS
24 AROUND THE STATE.

25 FOR EXAMPLE, IDEALLY, WE WOULD HAVE THIS VERY

1 ROOM OR AT LEAST SOMEWHERE IN THE BUILDING HOOKED UP BY
2 SATELLITE WHEN WE HOLD THE FINAL HEARINGS IN SACRAMENTO SO
3 THAT THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE HERE TODAY OR FRIENDS OR
4 NEIGHBORS CAN COME HERE AND ACTUALLY PARTICIPATE BY
5 SATELLITE WITH THE HEARING THAT'S HELD IN SACRAMENTO AFTER
6 WE HAVE HAD MAPS DRAWN.

7 WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION
8 TODAY, AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE.
9 AND BEFORE WE TAKE THE TESTIMONY, I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE
10 YOU TO OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF.

11 SO, FIRST, I'M THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE,
12 JOHN LONGVILLE, FROM THE SAN BERNARDINO AREA. I'LL START
13 WITH -- IN FACT, I'M GOING TO ASK IF ALL THE MEMBERS JUST
14 CAN GO AHEAD AND INTRODUCE THEMSELVES FOR THE RECORD. AND
15 I'LL ASK THE STAFF TO DO THE SAME THING. I'LL START WITH
16 MY VICE CHAIR.

17 MR. ASHBURN: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MY
18 NAME IS ROY ASHBURN. I'M THE ASSEMBLYMAN FROM THE 32ND
19 DISTRICT AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE ELECTIONS AND
20 REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

21 AND I WANT TO JUST SIMPLY SAY THAT WE'RE
22 HAPPY TO BE HERE IN SAN DIEGO FOR THE FIRST OF THE
23 HEARINGS TO GATHER INPUT AND INFORMATION AS WE BEGIN THE
24 PROCESS OF REDISTRICTING CALIFORNIA. THIS IS THE FIRST OF
25 THOSE OPPORTUNITIES, AND SO IT'S ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT.

1 AND WE'LL BEGIN A PROCESS FROM THIS POINT, WHICH I THINK
2 REFLECTS A COMMITMENT THAT WE HAVE TO GATHER PUBLIC INPUT
3 AND TO HAVE A VERY OPEN PROCESS.

4 AND I WANT TO COMMEND CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE AND
5 HIS STAFF AND ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN
6 SETTING ABOUT THE RULES UNDER WHICH WE WILL CONDUCT THE
7 REDISTRICTING PROCESS, AT LEAST IN THE ASSEMBLY, FOR THE
8 DEGREE TO WHICH THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE PUBLIC HAS BEEN A
9 VERY HIGH PRIORITY. AND I THINK YOUR PRESENCE HERE SPEAKS
10 VERY WELL ABOUT THE VALUE IN BRINGING A HEARING LIKE THIS
11 TO THE COMMUNITY TO GIVE PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY. AND SO
12 WE'RE VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE.

13 MR. REXRODE: I'M MATT REXRODE, AND I'M THE
14 LEGAL COUNCIL FOR THE ASSEMBLY REPUBLICAN CAUCUS ON
15 REDISTRICTING.

16 MR. LA SUER: MY NAME IS JAY LA SUER. I'M
17 ASSEMBLYMAN FOR 77TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT HERE IN SAN DIEGO,
18 THE EAST COUNTY AREA, AND I'D PERSONALLY LIKE TO THANK ALL
19 OF YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS. I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT
20 THAT WE DO, AND IT'S GREAT TO HAVE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.
21 SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE
22 PROCESS RIGHT ALONG WITH YOU.

23 MS. KEHOE: HI. ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHRISTINE
24 KEHOE. I'M A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, AND I REPRESENT THE
25 EAST HALF OF SAN DIEGO CITY. I TOO AM DELIGHTED AT THE

1 TURNOUT TODAY. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME I'VE BEEN IN THIS
2 ROOM FOR A STATE HEARING, AND BY FAR, THE ATTENDANCE HERE
3 TODAY IS THE GREATER OF THE TWO. SO I CAN SEE ALREADY
4 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST SHAPING UP IN THE AUDIENCE, AND
5 I'M REALLY DELIGHTED AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE TESTIMONY.
6 THANK YOU.

7 MR. VARGAS: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS
8 ASSEMBLYMEMBER JUAN VARGAS, AND I REPRESENT THE 79TH
9 DISTRICT HERE IN SAN DIEGO THAT WAS SO ABLY REPRESENTED BY
10 DENISE DUCHENY, WHO IS HERE IN THE FIRST ROW. I'M VERY
11 HAPPY THAT WE'RE HAVING THE FIRST MEETING HERE IN
12 SAN DIEGO. I THINK THAT THERE IS A LOT OF BENEFIT TO
13 THAT. HOWEVER, THERE IS ALSO A POTENTIAL PITFALL, IN
14 BEING THE FIRST, YOU MAY NOT HAVE WORKED OUT ALL THE
15 BUGS. SO I WOULD JUST ASK THE CHAIR AND COMMITTEE TO BE
16 MINDFUL OF THAT, IN CASE THERE ARE SOME PROBLEMS MAYBE
17 WITH THE ABILITY OF SOME PEOPLE NOT TO TESTIFY TODAY FOR
18 SOME REASON. BUT WE ARE THE FIRST SORT OF THE GUINEA
19 PIGS. BUT, AGAIN, I'M HAPPY SO HAPPY TO SEE SO MANY
20 PEOPLE HERE WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS.

21 THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

22 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY
23 MUCH. WILLIE, WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD.

24 MR. GUERRERO: WILLIE GUERRERO, THE CHIEF
25 CONSULTANT FOR THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE.

1 MS. HAWKINS: AND I AM PATRICIA HAWKINS,
2 COMMITTEE SECRETARY FOR THE ELECTIONS REAPPORTIONMENT AND
3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE.

4 MS. WHITEN: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOYCE
5 WHITEN, AND I'M STAFF TO ASSEMBLY MEMBER JEROME HORTON,
6 REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE 51ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, AND ON
7 BEHALF OF MR. HORTON, I'D LIKE TO THANK CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE
8 AND THE OTHER MEMBERS FOR ACCOMMODATING US.

9 MR. HORTON HAD A PRIOR COMMITMENT WITHIN THE
10 DISTRICT, AND HE'S UNABLE TO BE HERE TODAY, BUT HE WANTED
11 TO ENSURE THE CONTINUITY IN HIS KNOWLEDGE REGARDING THE
12 WORK OF HIS COMMITTEE AND IN TERMS OF THE
13 INFORMATION-GATHERING PROCESS, AND WE ARE CERTAINLY GLAD
14 TO BE HERE TODAY.

15 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
16 LET ME JUST REAL QUICKLY DOUBLE-CHECK. I KNOW WE HAVE
17 SOME OTHER STAFF PEOPLE HERE, JUST NOTING I KNOW I HAVE
18 FROM MY OWN STAFF AND COMMITTEE STAFF, NIKI ZUPANIC, WHO
19 IS SITTING UP FRONT THERE.

20 AND, LET'S SEE, ANY OTHER STAFF PEOPLE WE
21 SHOULD BE NOTING HERE? I KNOW WE HAVE LARRY SORKA FROM
22 THE SPEAKER'S OFFICE I SEE OUT THERE.

23 WE HAVE SEVERAL SERGEANTS HERE. I KNOW
24 WE'VE GOT SOME MORE STAFF PEOPLE HERE, BUT I CAN'T REALLY
25 TELL FOR SURE WHOM ALL. AND I'M NOT GOING TO SKIP THEM.

1 SO WE'LL NOTE THEM LATER IF THEY CAN MAKE SURE I GET IT TO
2 MY ATTENTION DURING A QUICK BREAK OR SOMETHING.

3 I WOULD NOTE, BY THE WAY, WE'RE GOING TO BE
4 JUST BASICALLY LISTENING TO TESTIMONY. SO FOR THOSE OF
5 YOU WHO ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE PROCESS AND BACKGROUND
6 TODAY, YOU MAY BE SURPRISED AT HOW LITTLE WE'RE SAYING.
7 THERE'S A REASON FOR THAT. WE'RE HERE TO LISTEN, AND WE
8 CAN'T REALLY COME TO ANY CONCLUSIONS UNTIL WE'VE HEARD
9 PUBLIC TESTIMONY. SO IF IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE NOT
10 RESPONDING, IT'S BECAUSE THAT'S OUR ROLE TODAY IS NOT TO
11 TELL YOU THINGS. IT'S TO LISTEN TO THINGS.

12 AS I GET THAT UNDER WAY NOW, LET ME REMIND
13 ALL OF THE WITNESSES, WHEN YOU PLEASE STEP FORWARD, IF YOU
14 COULD -- IF YOUR NAME IS SOMETHING OTHER THAN SMITH,
15 SPELLED WITH AN I, OR JONES, IF IT'S ANYTHING MORE
16 COMPLICATED THAN THAT, I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD
17 SPELL IT FOR OUR COURT REPORTER, WHO IS TAKING THIS
18 INFORMATION. AND IF YOU HAVE ANY AFFILIATIONS, ANY
19 ORGANIZATIONS THAT YOU'RE REPRESENTING, PLEASE STATE THAT
20 AS WELL WHEN YOU FIRST BEGIN, CLEARLY, SO THAT THE
21 STENOGRAPHER CAN GET THAT DOWN.

22 WE HAVE ON OUR AGENDA FIRST LISTED TESTIMONY,
23 IF THERE ARE ANY CURRENT STATE OR FEDERAL ELECTED
24 OFFICIALS WHO CAME TO TESTIFY TODAY, WE WILL TAKE THOSE
25 FIRST. I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE ARE ANY WHO CAME TO

1 TESTIFY. I'M JUST CHECKING.

2 ARE THERE ANY STATE OR FEDERAL OFFICIALS WHO
3 CAME TO TESTIFY TODAY?

4 AND HEARING NONE, I'M GOING TO MOVE THEN TO
5 WE HAVE SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO ARE SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY. I'M
6 GOING TO WITHOUT OBJECTION TAKE ONE OUT OF ORDER. WE HAVE
7 ONE OF OUR FORMER COLLEAGUES, FORMER ASSEMBLY MEMBER
8 DENISE DUCHENY, WHO IS HERE.

9 AND, AS WE LOOK AT THE PROSPECT OF NOT
10 HAVING ENOUGH DISTRICTS TO GO AROUND FOR EVERYBODY TO HAVE
11 A LANDING PLACE AT THE END OF TERM LIMITS, WE ALL COME TO
12 BE VERY INTERESTED IN SEEING FORMER ASSEMBLYMEMBERS
13 TREATED WITH RESPECT.

14 SO WITH THAT IN MIND, I'M GOING TO RECOGNIZE
15 FORMER ASSEMBLYMEMBER DUCHENY OUT OF ORDER SO SHE CAN MAKE
16 IT TO ANOTHER EVENT SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE AT SOME DISTANCE
17 AWAY AT THE SAME TIME.

18 MS. DUCHENY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
19 MR. CHAIRMAN, AND MEMBERS. I APPRECIATE YOU COMING TO
20 SAN DIEGO. AS ASSEMBLYMEMBER VARGAS INDICATED, SCURRYING
21 TO MAKE OURSELVES READY TO RECEIVE YOU AS THE FIRST
22 HEARING, MAY HAVE CAUSED SOME PEOPLE TO NOT COME BECAUSE
23 THERE ARE A LOT OF CONFLICTING THINGS GOING ON TODAY IN
24 SAN DIEGO. BUT WE HOPE CERTAINLY, THIS TURNOUT IS A GOOD
25 SIGN, THAT THERE IS A LOT OF INTEREST HERE IN YOUR WORK.

1 I DO APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING ME OUT OF ORDER,
2 AND I WILL BE BRIEF BECAUSE MR. AGUILAR ALSO HAS A PLANE
3 TO CATCH, AND HE WAS THE OTHER FIRST ONE ON YOUR
4 AGENDA. BUT I DO HAVE A REGIS MEETING, JUST SO PEOPLE
5 KNOW, I'M NOT ESCAPING JUST TO ESCAPE. IT'S MR. CHAIRMAN
6 LONGVILLE'S FAULT. HE WAS ON THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
7 THAT DID SB 329 THAT HAS CAUSED ME TO NEED TO BE AT THE
8 REGIS MEETING, WHICH IS BEING HELD IN SANTEE, AS WE
9 SPEAK.

10 AND I ONLY WANT TO MAKE A BRIEF COMMENT WITH
11 RESPECT TO AN ISSUE THAT I THINK HAS BECOME MORE IMPORTANT
12 IN THE TENURE SINCE THE LAST REDISTRICTING AND INDICATES A
13 MUCH STRONGER COMMUNITY OF INTEREST IN AN AREA THAT WAS
14 REALLY NOT RECOGNIZED IN THE 1990 REDISTRICTING. AND
15 THAT'S THE QUESTION OF BORDER ISSUES.

16 I HAVE JUST COME FROM THREE DAYS IN ARIZONA
17 AT A BORDER CONFERENCE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT WITH
18 ACADEMICS AND PUBLIC POLICY OFFICIALS THROUGHOUT THE
19 SOUTHWEST AND NORTHERN MEXICO. JUST SO YOU ALL KNOW,
20 THERE IS A LOT OF AFTER TERM LIMITS, AND IT ACTUALLY CAN
21 BE KIND OF FUN.

22 AND IT BROUGHT HOME TO ME EVEN MORE CLEARLY
23 HOW IMPORTANT IT IS THAT WE RECOGNIZE THIS AS A REGION AND
24 WE RECOGNIZE THE BORDER REGION OF CALIFORNIA TO BE AN AREA
25 WHERE WE HAVE MANY THINGS IN COMMON, MANY ISSUES OF COMMON

1 CONCERN, FROM WATER TO ENERGY.

2 IN THE LAST TEN YEARS, WE HAVE DEVELOPED
3 THROUGH THE STATE, OUR BOARD OF HEALTH OFFICE THAT WORKS
4 IN BOTH SAN DIEGO AND IMPERIAL COUNTIES. WE HAVE
5 DEVELOPED BORDER ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS THAT ARE SERVING
6 BOTH COUNTIES.

7 AND IT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE
8 COORDINATE THOSE SERVICES, THAT WE UNDERSTAND WHAT'S
9 HAPPENING FROM ONE END TO THE OTHER, THAT WE WORK
10 TOGETHER, AND WE FIND OURSELVES INCREASINGLY GOING ACROSS
11 I-8 IN EVERY DIRECTION FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS.

12 IN MY CAPACITY AS A FELLOW AT SAN DIEGO STATE
13 UNIVERSITY, I LECTURED THIS FALL AT THE CAMPUS OF
14 SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY, WHICH IS IN IMPERIAL VALLEY.
15 WE STILL HAVE AND FROM MY DAYS ON THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
16 BOARD, I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE SAN DIEGO IMPERIAL
17 COUNTIES, COMMUNITY COLLEGE, DISTRICT ASSOCIATION IS ONE
18 OF THE STRONGEST, AND THE SAN DIEGO MEMBERS WILL KNOW
19 THAT, THAT IT WORKS TOGETHER AS A REGION, HAS FOR MANY,
20 MANY YEARS. OUR LABOR COUNCIL IS SAN DIEGO IMPERIAL
21 COUNTY'S LABOR COUNCIL, WHO I KNOW IS ON THE AGENDA LATER
22 TODAY.

23 THESE COUNTIES WERE TOGETHER UNTIL 1907.
24 THEY HAVE MANY PEOPLE AND ISSUES IN COMMON. ECONOMIC
25 DEVELOPMENT IS BEING WORKED FROM BOTH SIDES. ANOTHER

1 DEVELOPMENT IN THE NINETIES WAS THE INSTIGATION OF THE
2 BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE ZONE. THE BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE
3 ZONE IS A THREE-MILE ZONE ALL ALONG THE BORDER THAT
4 INCLUDES, AGAIN, BOTH SAN DIEGO AND IMPERIAL COUNTIES.

5 OUR CAL TRANS REGION, OUR TRANSPORTATION
6 CORRIDORS, OUR CAL TRANS REGION IS A SAN DIEGO IMPERIAL
7 COUNTY REGION. OUR MEXICAN CONSUL FROM SAN DIEGO HAS AN
8 OFFICE IN IMPERIAL COUNTY AS WELL AND IS AN EXTENSION OF
9 THE SAN DIEGO CONSUL OFFICE.

10 SO THOSE KINDS OF TIES HAVE INCREASINGLY
11 BOUND US TOGETHER AND MADE US CLOSER THAN YOUR MAPS MIGHT
12 LEAD YOU TO BELIEVE. IN TERMS OF BOTH CULTURAL AND FAMILY
13 TIES, THERE'S A REASON THAT IMPERIAL BEACH IS CALLED
14 IMPERIAL BEACH. IT'S BECAUSE ONCE UPON A TIME, IT WAS
15 WHERE PEOPLE FROM IMPERIAL COUNTY WENT FOR THE SUMMER.
16 AND IT IS EXACTLY ALONG THE BORDER ON THE OPPOSITE END OF
17 CALIFORNIA.

18 THOSE ARE THE BOUNDARIES THAT BIND THAT
19 TOGETHER, AND THEY ARE MANY, BOTH AT A CULTURAL, SOCIAL,
20 POLITICAL, AND EDUCATIONAL LEVEL. THERE'S ENORMOUS
21 AMOUNTS OF TIES BETWEEN THEM, AND THEY HAVE INCREASED
22 DRAMATICALLY IN THE LAST TEN YEARS, AS WE HAVE ALL BECOME
23 CONSCIOUS OF BORDER TRADE.

24 THE ISSUES WE FACE WITH TRUCK CROSSINGS IN
25 CALEXICO AND THE TRUCK CROSSINGS IN OTAY MESA, QUESTIONS

1 OF AIR QUALITY AND BI-NATIONAL COOPERATION HAVE BECOME
2 INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF CALIFORNIA, AND WE
3 BELIEVE MANY OF US HERE IN THE SOUTH, THAT IT IS TIME TO
4 REUNITE THOSE COUNTIES IN THE WAY THAT WE LOOK AT
5 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST FOR PURPOSES OF YOUR EFFORTS TO
6 REDISTRICT.

7 I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
8 TESTIFY HERE TODAY AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK
9 WITH YOU THROUGHOUT THE TIME THAT YOU ARE DOING THIS. AND
10 IF WE CAN BE OF ANY SERVICE, I'M SORRY THAT I CAN'T STAY
11 FOR ALL THE TESTIMONY, BUT I KNOW I'LL HEAR ABOUT IT. AND
12 I'M HAPPY TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT I CAN
13 TO THIS COMMITTEE AND WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR WORK. THANK
14 YOU.

15 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
16 MS. DUCHENY. AND, DENISE, IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

17 MS. DUCHENY: THANK YOU. NICE TO SEE YOU
18 ALL.

19 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: OUR NEXT SCHEDULED
20 WITNESS IS FROM SAN DIEGO COUNTY EDUCATION BOARD MEMBER,
21 NICK AGUILAR.

22 MR. AGUILAR: GOOD MORNING. IT'S A PLEASURE
23 TO BE HERE AND TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE MY
24 THOUGHTS WITH THIS VERY IMPORTANT COMMISSION. IT'S ONCE
25 EVERY TEN YEARS THAT WE GET A CHANCE TO SPEAK ON THIS

1 TOPIC.

2 I'M HERE THIS MORNING AS A MEMBER OF THE
3 COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, ELECTED TO REPRESENT SOUTH
4 COUNTY DISTRICT TWO ON THAT BOARD AND TO SPEAK ABOUT THE
5 IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMUNITY OF INTEREST, IN MY DISTRICT,
6 SOUTH COUNTY, WHICH CONSISTS ROUGHLY OF THE AREA FROM
7 NATIONAL CITY, NORTH TO SAN YSIDRO TO THE BORDER, FROM
8 IMPERIAL BEACH, CORONADO, EAST TO JUST THE WESTERN
9 BOUNDARY OF CAMPO, JUST ON THE OTHER SIDE OF OTAY LAKES.

10 THAT AREA HAS SIGNIFICANT FACTORS THAT
11 MANIFEST ITS COMMUNITY OF INTEREST. FIRST OF ALL, IN
12 ADDITION TO MY OWN DISTRICT, WHICH ENCOMPASSES ALL THAT
13 AREA, WE HAVE THE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, DISTRICT ONE,
14 WHICH ENCOMPASSES ROUGHLY THE SAME BOUNDARIES. WE'VE GOT
15 THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
16 DISTRICT, ALSO ENCOMPASSES THAT SAME GENERAL COMMUNITY.

17 THE HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, SWEETWATER
18 HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, SERVES THAT ENTIRE COMMUNITY, EXCEPT
19 FOR CORONADO, BUT GENERALLY THE SAME COMMUNITY. AND WE
20 ALSO HAVE ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS, SOUTH COUNTY ECONOMIC
21 DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL THAT ADVOCATES ON ECONOMIC ISSUES FOR
22 THAT ENTIRE AREA.

23 THE BORDER ISSUES THAT FORMER ASSEMBLYMEMBER
24 DENISE DUCHENY SPOKE TO ARE ANOTHER FACTOR THAT ARE COMMON
25 THAT FORMULATE THIS AS A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST FACTOR.

1 THE REALITY TODAY DOES NOT REFLECT THAT
2 COMMUNITY OF INTEREST, HOWEVER. IN THIS SAME AREA, WE
3 HAVE THREE SEPARATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS: THE 77TH, 78TH,
4 AND 79TH. WE HAVE TWO STATE SENATORIAL DISTRICTS: 39 AND
5 THE 40TH. WE HAVE THREE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: 49,
6 50TH, AND 52ND.

7 SO IF THERE WERE A POSTER CHILD FOR
8 GERRYMANDERING, THIS WOULD BE IT. WE HAVE THIS RELATIVELY
9 SMALL COMMUNITY OF INTEREST BEING SPLIT UP WITH ALL OF
10 THESE VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTIONS.

11 ONE SUGGESTION THAT I MAKE IN TRYING TO
12 REMEDY THIS WHAT I WOULD CONSIDER AN INJUSTICE IS TO
13 INSTEAD OF LOOKING AT A NORTH/SOUTH ORIENTATION FOR
14 FORMULATING THE DISTRICTS, WHICH IS BASICALLY WHAT IS
15 OCCURRING, TO LOOK AT A WEST/EAST ORIENTATION. I SAY TO
16 YOU, LOOK WEST AND EAST, YOUNG PERSONS. THANK YOU VERY
17 MUCH FOR YOUR TIME, AND I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY.

18 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
19 IT'S HARD TO STRESS THESE THINGS AND BE POLITICALLY
20 CORRECT. BAKER VERSUS CAR, THEY ACTUALLY SAID ONE MAN,
21 ONE VOTE, BUT I ALWAYS SAY ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE NOW,
22 BECAUSE IT'S MORE ACCURATE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23 OUR NEXT WITNESS IS THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
24 LEMON GROVE, MARY SESSOM.

25 MS. SESSOM: GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU. MARY

1 SESSOM. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR AND ASSEMBLYMEMBERS.

2 I AM THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE. I
3 KNOW THREE OF YOUR ASSEMBLYMEMBERS. LEMON GROVE IS VERY
4 WELL ACQUAINTED WITH IT. IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN.

5 LEMON GROVE IS A SMALL CITY. IT IS EITHER AT
6 THE EASTERN EDGE OF THE WESTERN PART OF THE CITY OF
7 SAN DIEGO, OR IT IS AT THE WESTERN PART OF THE EAST COUNTY
8 IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION, AND THAT'S WHY I BELIEVE IT'S
9 IMPORTANT THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THE COMMUNITY OF INTEREST
10 FOR THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE. AND IT WOULD EXTEND ALSO
11 INTO EAST COUNTY.

12 THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE DEMOGRAPHICALLY DOES
13 NOT LOOK LIKE THE REST OF EAST COUNTY. IT DOES LOOK MORE
14 LIKE THE METROPOLITAN AREA OF SAN DIEGO, THE CITY OF
15 SAN DIEGO, AS WELL AS SOME OF OUR COMMUNITIES SOUTH OF US.

16 HOWEVER, THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE CITIZENS
17 LOOK TO THE EAST. JUST AS A PREVIOUS SPEAKER SAID, WE
18 LOOK EAST. WE DON'T LOOK NORTH, WEST, OR SOUTH. WE LOOK
19 EAST. AND THAT ENCOMPASSES THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN
20 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TWO. WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE 77TH
21 DISTRICT. HOW DO YOU DO, MR. LA SUER.

22 OUR STUDENTS ATTEND THE GROSSMONT UNION
23 HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE SHOP, WE WORK IN THE EAST
24 COUNTY. IT IS VERY SIMPLE, WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT
25 REDISTRICTING, TO PULL LEMON GROVE OUT OF THE EAST

1 COUNTY. WE WOULD ASK YOU NOT TO. THE COMMUNITY OF
2 INTEREST WE HAVE IN LEMON GROVE IS WITH THE EAST COUNTY,
3 BASED ON WHO OUR SUPERVISOR IS, WHERE OUR CHILDREN GO TO
4 SCHOOL, WHERE WE LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY. THANK YOU VERY
5 MUCH.

6 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS.
7 SESSOM, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR SPELLING YOUR NAME ALSO,
8 MAYOR. THAT WAS SOMETHING THAT I MENTIONED EARLIER. I
9 WOULD NOTE WE WILL GIVE THE STENOGRAPHER ONE OF THE
10 AGENDAS IF SHE DOESN'T HAVE IT, SO THAT THE PEOPLE WHO
11 HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED TO TESTIFY SHE WILL HAVE THE
12 SPELLING. BUT, AS I MENTIONED, IF YOUR NAME IS ANYTHING
13 OTHER THAN SMITH, JONES, OR GARCIA -- IF IT'S MARTINEZ, I
14 KNOW MARTINEZ IS THE SECOND MOST COMMON HISPANIC LAST
15 NAME, BUT SOME ARE WITH AN S AND SOME WITH A Z. SPELL IT.

16 THE NEXT WITNESS, COUNCIL MEMBER, DISTRICT 8
17 FROM THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, COUNCILMEMBER RALPH INZUNZA,
18 JR. AM I BUTCHERING YOUR NAME TOO BADLY, SIR.

19 MR. INZUNZA: THAT WAS PERFECT, MR. CHAIR.

20 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: OKAY. THANK YOU.

21 MR. INZUNZA: RALPH INZUNZA. I AM THE CITY
22 COUNCIL MEMBER HERE IN SAN DIEGO FOR THE EIGHTH DISTRICT,
23 AND I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE
24 FOR COMING DOWN TO HEAR SOME OF OUR TESTIMONY WITH REGARDS
25 TO REDISTRICTING HERE IN SAN DIEGO.

1 I WANTED TO SPECIFICALLY TALK ABOUT THE AREAS
2 THAT I REPRESENT AND HOW THAT OVERLAPS AND COMPLEMENTS IN
3 MANY CASES SOME OF THE AREAS THAT ARE PARTICULARLY SOUTH
4 OF 94 AND SPECIFICALLY THE 79TH ASSEMBLY SEAT, THE 40TH
5 STATE SENATE SEAT, AND THE 50TH CONGRESSIONAL SEAT. THE
6 EIGHTH DISTRICT SEAT, WHICH I REPRESENT TODAY, PRIMARILY
7 OVERLAPS WITH ALL OF THESE DISTRICTS. AND IT'S IMPORTANT
8 TO KNOW THAT MANY OF THESE DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN TOGETHER
9 FOR SEVERAL REASONS.

10 ON CULTURAL ASPECTS, WE BELIEVE IT'S
11 IMPORTANT THAT MANY OF THESE AREAS STAY TOGETHER WITH
12 REGARDS TO ITS SHARED HISTORY AND THEIR ABILITY TO WORK
13 TOGETHER ON DIFFERENT TOPICS, RANGING FROM TRANSPORTATION
14 CORRIDORS, TO BETTER AFFORDABLE HOUSING, TO WORKING ON
15 PARK LAND USE SPACE IN THE INNER CITY.

16 ALSO, I BELIEVE LANGUAGE IS A VERY IMPORTANT
17 ELEMENT WHEN LOOKING AT SOME OF THE DIFFERENT ETHNIC
18 VALUES THAT WE HAVE WITH REGARDS TO SPANISH BEING A
19 PRIMARY LANGUAGE THAT IS SPOKEN IN MANY OF THE COMMUNITIES
20 SOUTH OF 94.

21 THE ETHNICITY IS DIVERSE. YOU HAVE MANY
22 LATINO COMMUNITIES. YOU HAVE MANY AFRICAN AMERICAN AND
23 ASIAN COMMUNITIES. AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THEIR SHARED
24 HISTORY, ESPECIALLY AS NEW IMMIGRANTS TO THESE
25 COMMUNITIES, THAT THEIR VALUES CAN STAY INTACT AND THAT

1 THEY CAN BE APPRECIATED AS THEY WORK TOGETHER TO FIND
2 BETTER WAYS TO HAVE JUST REPRESENTATION IN EVERY FACET OF
3 LIFE IN THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT PRIMARILY ENCOMPASS THE
4 SOUTHERN REGION OF THIS COUNTY.

5 I THINK ON SOCIOECONOMIC INTERESTS, IT IS
6 IMPORTANT THAT WE LOOK AT WHERE OUR DIFFERENT ENTERPRISE
7 ZONES ARE AND WHERE, AS FORMER ASSEMBLYMEMBER DUCHENY
8 SPOKE ABOUT, THE BORDER ENTERPRISE ZONES. THEY ALL
9 OVERLAP IN MANY AREAS OF THE 79TH ASSEMBLY, 40TH STATE
10 SENATE, AND 50TH CONGRESSIONAL.

11 ALSO, THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, MANY OF THE
12 SCHOOL DISTRICTS THERE SHOULD STAY TOGETHER, WHETHER IT'S
13 SOME OF THE INNER CITY PARTS OF THE SAN DIEGO UNIFIED
14 SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE SWEETWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT,
15 SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THESE SCHOOL
16 DISTRICTS CONTINUE TO HAVE A COHESIVE APPROACH WHEN
17 WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES TO RESOLVE THOSE ISSUES AND DEAL
18 WITH EDUCATION.

19 AND THEN I THINK THE DEMOGRAPHICS AND THE
20 ABILITY TO LOOK AT WHAT REGIONS ARE IMPORTANT, WHERE IS
21 THERE SOME CONSISTENCY IN WORKING TOWARDS SOME OF THESE
22 NEIGHBORHOODS.

23 AND THEN WITH REGARDS TO PARTISANSHIP AND THE
24 ABILITY TO BRING TOGETHER SOME OF THE COMMUNITIES THAT I
25 FEEL HISTORICALLY HAVE VOTED DEMOCRAT. MANY OF THESE

1 COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN TOGETHER FOR QUITE SOME TIME AND
2 HAVE REPEATEDLY GONE TO THE POLLS AND VOTED DEMOCRAT, AND
3 I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT IN BRINGING TOGETHER COMMUNITIES.

4 AND SO I WOULD ASK THE COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT
5 SEVERAL POINTS WITH REGARDS TO THE WAY SOME OF THESE
6 DISTRICTS ARE REDISTRICT CURRENTLY.

7 THE 79TH DISTRICT, I BELIEVE, AS WELL AS THE
8 STATE SENATE SEAT AND THE CONGRESSIONAL SEAT, NEED TO ADD
9 THE COMMUNITIES OF BARIO LOGAN. BARIO LOGAN IS A VERY
10 IMPORTANT COMMUNITY THAT I THINK FITS THE CRITERIA THAT I
11 LAID OUT WITH REGARDS TO CULTURAL, SOCIOECONOMIC, AND
12 PARTISAN ISSUES.

13 ALSO, THE BORDER REGION, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT
14 THAT WE HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE AT EITHER OF THE STATE
15 HOUSES OR AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL THAT REPRESENT ALL OF THE
16 BORDER AREA, FROM SAN DIEGO TO ARIZONA, SO THAT WE CAN
17 WORK ON THE DIFFERENT ISSUES, WHETHER IT'S OTAY MOUNTAIN
18 AND THE PRESERVE THERE OR BRINGING BACK THE
19 SAN DIEGO/ARIZONA RAILWAY, OR IF IT'S JUST TALKING ABOUT
20 THOSE ISSUES THAT DEAL WITH TRADE AND IMMIGRATION ALONG
21 THE MEXICAN BORDER. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE
22 AN ASSEMBLYMEMBER, A SENATOR, AND A CONGRESSIONAL
23 REPRESENTATIVE THAT CAN WORK ON THOSE ISSUES AT ONE TIME.

24 THE AREAS THAT I HAVE OF CONCERN WITH REGARDS
25 TO THEIR PLACEMENT RIGHT NOW CURRENTLY IN THOSE THREE

1 AREAS WOULD BE THE FOLLOWING: I THINK THE 79TH ASSEMBLY
2 SEAT SHOULD HAVE ALL OF NATIONAL CITY IN IT. IT CURRENTLY
3 DOES NOT. THERE IS A PORTION OF NATIONAL CITY THAT IS NOT
4 IN IT, AND I THINK NATIONAL CITY DOES FALL WITHIN THE
5 CRITERIA THAT I LAID OUT, AGAIN, ON THE CULTURAL
6 SOCIOECONOMIC, AND PARTISAN ISSUES.

7 I THINK IN THE 40TH STATE SENATE, THE AREA
8 OF EL CAJON IS AN AREA THAT I WOULD ASK THAT WE LOOK AT
9 WITH REGARDS TO MAYBE TAKING OUT. I DON'T THINK IT FITS
10 IN AND IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THOSE ISSUES THAT DEAL WITH
11 LANGUAGE, ETHNICITY, ENTERPRISE ZONES, OR EVEN THE
12 DEMOGRAPHICS OR THE TOPOGRAPHY OF THE SOUTH BAY.

13 IN REGARDS TO THE 50TH CONGRESSIONAL
14 DISTRICT, THE NORTHERN TIER OF THAT DISTRICT REALLY HAS
15 MORE IN COMMON, I BELIEVE, WITH THAT OF THE 49TH
16 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OR OF THE OTHER ASSEMBLY OR SENATE
17 DISTRICTS THAT ARE NORTH OF 94, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
18 GOLDEN HILL. GOLDEN HILL CONTINUES TO BE A VERY STRONG
19 REGION THAT WORKS COHESIVELY WITH THOSE AREAS IN LOGAN
20 HEIGHTS, SHERMAN HEIGHTS, AND BARIO LOGAN.

21 BUT IT IS THE COMMUNITIES OF ROLANDO, OF
22 CITY HEIGHTS, AND NORTH AND SOUTH PARK THAT I THINK REALLY
23 FIT IN AND HAVE MORE IN COMMON WITH THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS IN
24 NORMAL HEIGHTS, KENSINGTON, AND MISSION HILLS. AND IF YOU
25 LOOK AT SOME OF THE NATURAL BOUNDARIES THAT WE HAVE, IF

1 YOU LOOK AT UNIVERSITY AVENUE OR EL CAJON OR ADAMS OR
2 I-15, I THINK THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS WOULD BE BETTER
3 REPRESENTED IN THE ASSEMBLY AND IN THE SENATE AND IN
4 CONGRESS BY REPRESENTATIVES THAT DO NOT REPRESENT THE
5 79TH, 40TH, OR 50TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

6 THAT IS MY TESTIMONY, MR. CHAIRMAN. AGAIN,
7 I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU AND THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR
8 COMING DOWN HERE. THANK YOU.

9 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
10 COUNCILMEMBER. AND OUR NEXT WITNESS WILL BE ANOTHER
11 MEMBER OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNCIL. THIS TIME FROM DISTRICT
12 FIVE, COUNCILMEMBER BRIAN MAIENSCHIN.

13 MR. MAIENSCHIN: YOU GOT IT RIGHT.

14 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: I HAVE TO TELL YOU I
15 CHEATED. ASSEMBLYMEMBER VARGAS HELPED ME. THANK YOU.

16 MR. MAIENSCHIN: THANK YOU. AND I FIGURE
17 YOU PROBABLY CAN'T SPELL MAIENSCHIN IS GOING TO BE MY
18 GUESS. I'LL GO AHEAD AND GIVE YOU THAT.

19 I WANT TO THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, AND THANK THE
20 MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR ALLOWING US TO COME DOWN AND
21 TESTIFY TODAY, AND I ESPECIALLY WANT TO THANK THE MEMBERS
22 OF THE SAN DIEGO DELEGATION ASSEMBLYMAN JUAN VARGAS,
23 ASSEMBLYWOMAN CHRISTINE KEHOE, AND ASSEMBLYMAN JAY
24 LA SUER. A SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THEM FOR BEING OUR
25 SAN DIEGO DELEGATION.

1 I KNOW YOU HAVE A VERY DIFFICULT TASK AHEAD
2 OF YOU, AND I CERTAINLY WANT TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF AT
3 LEAST THE CONSTITUENTS OF CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT FIVE AND
4 THANK YOU FOR SUCH AN OPEN PROCESS IN ALLOWING SO MANY
5 CITIZENS TO COME DOWN AND PARTICIPATE.

6 MY DISTRICT, CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT FIVE, IS
7 IN LARGE PART REPRESENTED BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 51 AND
8 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 75. IT'S THE NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY
9 INLAND AREA, AND IT CERTAINLY IS AN AREA THAT HAS
10 EXPERIENCED TREMENDOUS GROWTH AND AS A RESULT INCREASED
11 TRAFFIC. AND FOR THE MEMBERS WHO AREN'T FROM SAN DIEGO, I
12 THINK CERTAINLY ONE OF THE MAIN ISSUES HERE, IF NOT THE
13 MAIN ISSUE, IS TRAFFIC. AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE THIS
14 COMMITTEE WHEN THEY'RE MAKING DECISIONS ON THE DISTRICTS
15 IN PARTICULAR, IN MY AREA, IN THE INLAND NORTH COUNTY, TO
16 REALLY KEEP IN MIND TRANSPORTATION ISSUES AND FREEWAYS,
17 PERHAPS, AS BOUNDARIES.

18 FOR EXAMPLE, THE HIGHWAY 78, HIGHWAY 52, AND
19 INTERSTATE 15 ARE ALL HIGHWAYS WITH TREMENDOUS TRAFFIC
20 PROBLEMS AND WOULD SERVE WELL TO BE LOOKED AT IN A
21 COLLECTIVE COHESIVE FASHION SO WE CAN HAVE SINGLE
22 REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE ABLE TO WORK ON THOSE
23 TRANSPORTATION ISSUES COLLECTIVELY.

24 IN ADDITION, FOR THE ASSEMBLY SIDE, I KNOW
25 ASSEMBLY WOMAN KEHOE HAS AN AREA THAT COVERS THE MIRA MESA

1 COMMUNITY, WHICH IN PARTICULAR, HAS TRAFFIC PROBLEMS, AND
2 I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN WORKING VERY CLOSELY, WORKING ON THOSE
3 AND ALSO WITH MY OFFICE AS WELL, WHICH IS MUCH
4 APPRECIATED.

5 AND I WOULD ASK THAT NOT JUST IN TERMS OF
6 FREEWAYS, BUT IN TERMS OF JUST ROADS THROUGH COMMUNITIES,
7 THAT THIS COMMITTEE ALWAYS TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION AS
8 WELL, THE MAJOR ARTERIAL ROADS THAT HAVE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS,
9 THAT THOSE ARE ALWAYS CONSIDERED.

10 I DO INTEND JUST TO BE BRIEF HERE AND LIMIT
11 IT TO THAT. I WOULD JUST REQUEST IN ALL OF THE DECISIONS
12 THAT THIS COMMITTEE MAKES THAT TRAFFIC IS ALWAYS
13 CONSIDERED AND HIGHWAYS AND ROADS BE CONSIDERED AS
14 POSSIBLE BOUNDARY LINES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALLOWING
15 ME TO TESTIFY HERE TODAY.

16 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
17 TAKING THE TIME TO JOIN US.

18 PLEASE GO RIGHT AHEAD.

19 MS. KEHOE: COUNCILMEMBER, JUST A COMMENT.
20 ALL THE TESTIMONY HAS BEEN VERY THOUGHTFUL. WE KNOW THE
21 PROBLEM AREAS IN THE DISTRICT: 15, MIRA MESA BOULEVARD,
22 AND MANY OF THE OTHER STREETS. AND I'M ON ONLY THE WEST
23 SIDE OF 15, AS WE GO NORTH, WHICH IS THE 76TH ASSEMBLY
24 DISTRICT, WHICH IN AND OF ITSELF CREATES SOME PLANNING AND
25 JUST PROBLEMS IN THAT WE'RE DIVIDING THE COMMUNITY VIA THE

1 FREEWAY. SO I THINK YOUR POINT IS WELL-TAKEN.

2 ON THE OTHER HAND, THE CHALLENGE IS HOW DO WE

3 DIVIDE? YOU KNOW, WE EITHER SLICE THEM NORTH AND SOUTH OR

4 SLICE THEM EAST AND WEST. SO I THINK THAT'S A CHALLENGE

5 FOR THE COMMITTEE AND FOR ALL OF US WHO ARE LOOKING AT

6 THESE MAPS AND HOW THE LINES BEST PRESERVE COMMUNITIES.

7 IT WOULD BE, AND I'M SURE YOU AGREE, VERY DIFFICULT TO TRY

8 TO DEAL WITH ALL THE TRAFFIC ISSUES ON I-15 IN A SINGLE

9 DISTRICT.

10 DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON THAT?

11 MR. MAIENSCHIN: YEAH. I THINK THAT'S A

12 REALLY GOOD THOUGHT, ASSEMBLYWOMAN KEHOE. I WOULD SAY TO

13 SOME EXTENT, TO THE NORTH, YOU HAVE HIGHWAY 78, AND TO THE

14 SOUTH, YOU HAVE HIGHWAY 52. AT LEAST IF YOU'RE KIND OF

15 IDENTIFYING ALMOST THE HOT POCKET, IF YOU WILL, OF THE

16 AREA.

17 SO ON SOME LEVEL, I THINK THAT'S A FAIRLY

18 GOOD NORTH/SOUTH BOUNDARY IN TERMS OF THE TRANSPORTATION

19 PROBLEM IN SAN DIEGO. CLEARLY, THAT'S NOT THE EXCLUSIVE

20 PROBLEMS. THERE ARE OTHER PROBLEMS. BUT IN TERMS OF KIND

21 OF THE I-15 INLAND PROBLEMS, IT WOULD BE LARGELY

22 CONCENTRATED IN THOSE NORTH/SOUTH BOUNDARIES.

23 YOU'RE CORRECT, AS WE START GOING EAST AND

24 WEST, YOU COULD GO FROM 15 ALL THE WAY TO THE COAST, AND

25 ON SOME LEVEL, HAVE A SIMILAR KIND OF, POCKET OR YOU COULD

1 MOVE SOMEWHAT INLAND IN TERMS OF POPULATION IF YOU HAD TO,
2 TO GET OVER TO, SAY, 805. AND THAT KIND OF GETS TO WHAT
3 YOU'RE SAYING ABOUT MIRA MESA BOULEVARD, AS WELL, BECAUSE
4 YOU DO HAVE THE CHALLENGE WITH MIRA MESA BOULEVARD. YOU
5 HAVE THE EASTERN HALF OF MIRA MESA BOULEVARD, WHICH IN
6 LARGE PART IS IMPACTED BY HIGHWAY 15. THE WESTERN PART OF
7 MIRA MESA BOULEVARD, WHICH IN LARGE PART IS AFFECTED BY
8 805.

9 SO IN TERMS OF NORTH/SOUTH, AT LAST THE WAY I
10 THINK THE WAY I THINK, AND YOU MIGHT AGREE WITH THIS, IS
11 KIND OF 78 AND 52, ON SOME LEVEL, WOULD PROBABLY CONTAIN
12 THAT POCKET. EAST AND WEST, YOU REALLY COULD GO ALL THE
13 WAY TO THE COAST, PROBABLY, JUST FROM A CONCEPTUAL
14 LEVEL. BUT THEN THAT WOULD START DEPENDING ON
15 POPULATION.

16 MS. KEHOE: THANKS. I APPRECIATE THE
17 THOUGHTS. THEY'RE GOOD ONES.

18 MR. MAIENSCHIN: THANK YOU, ASSEMBLYWOMAN
19 KEHOE.

20 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: AND THANK YOU AGAIN,
21 COUNCILMEMBER, FOR TAKING THE TIME TO JOIN US TODAY.

22 LET ME NOTE, BY THE WAY, IF ANYONE HAS ANY
23 WRITTEN TESTIMONY THAT THEY WANT TO SHARE WITH US, PLEASE
24 FEEL FREE TO BRING THAT TO US, BRING IT UP FRONT.

25 NIKI, COULD YOU RAISE YOUR HAND JUST SO

1 PEOPLE CAN SEE YOU. BRING IT UP TO MS. ZUPANIC, AND SHE
2 WILL MAKE SURE THAT WE PUT THAT INTO THE RECORD.

3 OUR NEXT WITNESS WILL BE FROM THE SAN DIEGO
4 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PRESIDENT ED
5 LOPEZ.

6 IS MR. LOPEZ HERE?

7 OKAY. WE WILL TAKE HIM WHEN HE ARRIVES.

8 WE'LL SKIP OVER TO THE NEXT PERSON ON THE LIST. PLANNING
9 COMMISSIONER FROM THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO. AND IT'S ANDREA
10 SKOREPA. AM I PRONOUNCING THAT CORRECTLY? OKAY. ANDREA
11 SKOREPA. EXCUSE ME.

12 MS. SKOREPA: HELLO. WELCOME AND WELCOME
13 BACK TO SOME OF YOU. MY NAME IS ANDREA SKOREPA. I AM
14 CURRENTLY PLANNING COMMISSIONER WITH THE CITY OF
15 SAN DIEGO. I ALSO RUN A NONPROFIT IN THE BORDER COMMUNITY
16 OF SAN YSIDRO.

17 I WOULD JUST LIKE TO REITERATE THAT I SAY
18 DITTO TO ALL OF THE COMMENTS OF OUR COUNCILPERSON,
19 MR. RALPH INZUNZA. AND, THEREFORE, MY TESTIMONY WILL
20 INCLUDE THAT BUT PERHAPS GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF A
21 DIFFERENT FLAVOR BECAUSE OF MY EXPERIENCE AS A PLANNING
22 COMMISSIONER.

23 I WOULD JUST LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT AS A
24 PLANNING COMMISSIONER, WE MAKE LAND USE DECISIONS, BUT IN
25 THAT, WE ALSO LEARN HOW PEOPLE LIVE IN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

1 AND THE COMMUNITIES OF BARIO LOGAN AND BORDER COMMUNITIES
2 HAVE A VERY DISTINCT WAY THAT THEY HAVE DEVELOPED AND SO
3 THE DECISIONS AND DEVELOPMENT KINDS OF THINGS THAT WE HAVE
4 HAD TO DEAL WITH AS A PLANNING COMMISSION HAVE BEEN TO
5 MAINTAIN THEIR LIFESTYLE AND ALSO WE GET TO SEE THE KINDS
6 OF DEVELOPMENTS THAT ARE BROUGHT TO US, WHICH ARE ALL VERY
7 SIMILAR IN NATURE.

8 THE COMMUNITIES AT THE BORDER AREAS, AT SOUTH
9 OF 94, AND BARIO LOGAN HAVE DEVELOPED AROUND THE SAME TIME
10 HISTORICALLY, AND SO, THEREFORE, THEIR HOUSING STOCK AND
11 THE KINDS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT ARE GOING ON THERE
12 HAVE FOLLOWED A PATTERN THAT I THINK THAT I WILL WRITE AND
13 DOCUMENT AND SEND TO YOU. SO I THINK THAT THAT IS AN
14 ISSUE.

15 I THINK ALSO BEING ON THE BORDER, WE HAVE
16 COME TO UNDERSTAND MANY OF THE ISSUES THAT ARE UNIQUE TO A
17 BORDER, SUCH AS HAVING BORDER CROSSINGS. THIS IS
18 SOMETHING THAT YOU FIND IN SAN YSIDRO AND OTAY MESA, BUT
19 ALSO IN IMPERIAL VALLEY. SO THAT WOULD SPEAK TO THOSE
20 KINDS OF ISSUES WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING TO PUT TOGETHER
21 DISTRICTS BECAUSE WE NEED CONSISTENT AND -- WE NEED
22 CONSISTENT POLICY REPRESENTATION.

23 IF WE WANT TO DEVELOP THESE REGIONS AS
24 ECONOMICALLY VIABLE REGIONS FOR THE ENTIRE AREA, THEN
25 THERE HAS TO BE A CONSISTENT WAY OF APPLYING ECONOMIC

1 DECISION MAKING AND RULES, REGULATIONS, AND ORDINANCES.
2 AND WHAT HAPPENS, IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE POLITICAL
3 REPRESENTATIVE, OFTENTIMES ONE HAS ONE AGENDA, ONE HAS
4 ANOTHER AGENDA. WHAT HAPPENS IS THE COMMUNITIES LOSE
5 BECAUSE THEY BOTH HAVE EQUAL POWER.

6 SO I THINK THAT ALSO SAN DIEGO HAS BEEN
7 CONSISTENTLY VERY HIGHLY REPRESENTATIVE OF A DISTRICT IN
8 THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. HOWEVER, I THINK THAT THERE ARE
9 DISTRICTS THAT HAVE MUCH MORE REPRESENTATION AND
10 REGISTRATION IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AND IF YOU SPLIT
11 THESE DISTRICTS UP, THEN YOU RUN THE RISK OF NOT HAVING
12 THOSE PEOPLE HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE ELECTED FROM THEIR OWN
13 PARTY.

14 SO IN THE 79TH, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO ADD BARIO
15 LOGAN TO THE 79TH. ADD NATIONAL CITY, THE REMAINDER OF
16 NATIONAL CITY. ADD ALL OF THE BORDER COMMUNITIES, ALL THE
17 WAY TO THE ARIZONA BORDER.

18 IN THE 50TH CONGRESSIONAL AREA, I WOULD ALSO
19 LIKE YOU TO ADD THE BORDER REGIONS SO THAT WE CAN HAVE
20 THAT CONSISTENCY THAT I SPOKE ABOUT. ALSO, BARIO LOGAN.
21 AND I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS IN TERMS OF BARIO LOGAN,
22 WHICH YOU'LL PROBABLY HEAR OVER AND OVER, IS BARIO LOGAN
23 IS NOW REPRESENTED IN THE CITY BY ONE REPRESENTATIVE WHO
24 TAKES IN THE WHOLE PIECE. BUT WHEN YOU GET TO THE STATE
25 AND THE SENATE AND THE CONGRESSIONAL AREAS, IT'S SPLIT

1 OFF. AND PART OF THAT, I THINK IT'S BECAUSE IT'S ON THE
2 COAST. AND IN ORDER TO GET A COASTAL DISTRICT, I THINK
3 THEY JUST TOOK BARIO LOGAN AND PUT IT IN THERE. BUT IT
4 DOESN'T BELONG THERE.

5 AND THEN ALSO TO REITERATE THAT NORTH OF 94,
6 YOU FIND CHANGES THAT ARE GOING ON THERE AND THAT HAVE
7 BEEN THERE FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. AND SO I WOULD SAY THAT
8 THEY WOULD MORE LIKELY FIT INTO THEIR OWN DISTRICT WITH
9 THEIR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
10 GOLDEN HILLS, WHICH IS VERY CLOSE TO BARIO LOGAN.

11 THANK YOU, AND I WILL BE SENDING YOU SOME
12 WRITTEN MATERIAL ON ESPECIALLY THE LAND USE ISSUES. THANK
13 YOU.

14 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
15 MS. SKOREPA. WE APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING TIME TO BE HERE.
16 BY THE WAY, I WOULD NOTE FOR ANYONE WHO IS NOT FAMILIAR
17 WITH IT, THAT THE LINES THAT THE LEGISLATURE WILL BE
18 DRAWING WILL BE FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS IN
19 CALIFORNIA, THE STATE SENATE, THE STATE ASSEMBLY, AND THE
20 STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, ONE WHICH MANY PEOPLE
21 OVERLOOK. ONLY FOUR DISTRICTS, EACH CAN BE OVER
22 8 MILLION IN POPULATION IN THE STATE.

23 AT THE LOCAL LEVELS, OF COURSE, COUNTY BOARDS
24 OF SUPERVISORS WILL DRAW THEIR OWN BOUNDARIES. CITIES
25 SUCH AS SAN DIEGO, WHICH ARE DIVIDED INTO BOARDS OR

1 DISTRICTS, WILL DRAW THEIR OWN BOUNDARIES.

2 SO REDISTRICTING IS A PROCESS THAT WILL GO ON
3 AT MULTIPLE LEVELS. AT THE LEGISLATURE, WE ONLY DO THE
4 PART OF IT THAT INVOLVES THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS,
5 STATE SENATE, STATE ASSEMBLY, AND BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.
6 AND THE OTHER ONES, OF COURSE, WILL BE DRAWN LOCALLY.

7 SOMEONE WHO MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH THAT PROCESS
8 BECAUSE HE'S A FORMER MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL IN SAN DIEGO,
9 A NAME THAT FOR SOME REASON SOUNDS FAMILIAR TO ME ALREADY,
10 MR. RALPH INZUNZA, SR.

11 MR. INZUNZA: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND
12 THANK YOU TO THE DISTINGUISHED PANEL. I'LL BE BRIEF
13 BECAUSE I AGREE VERY, VERY MUCH WITH ANOTHER INZUNZA WHO
14 WAS UP HERE. I AGREE WITH DENISE DUCHENY. I AGREE WITH
15 AND ANDREA SKOREPA. AND IF YOU WANT ME TO SPELL MY NAME,
16 I DON'T THINK I HAVE TO DO THAT. I THINK YOU ALREADY HAVE
17 IT.

18 I HAVE BEEN A RESIDENT OF ALL THE CITIES
19 THAT ENCOMPASS THE EIGHTH COUNCIL DISTRICT OF SAN DIEGO,
20 THE 79TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, THE 40TH STATE SENATE
21 DISTRICT, AND THE 50TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

22 I FEEL VERY STRONGLY IN SUPPORT THAT HOW EVER
23 DISTRICTS ARE DRAWN, THERE SHOULD BE A COMMUNITY OF
24 INTEREST, NOT ONLY WITH EACH DISTRICT, WITHIN EACH
25 DISTRICT, BUT WITH ALL THE OTHER DISTRICTS OF THE SOUTH

1 BAY AREA IN SAN DIEGO. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY SHOULD BE IN
2 HARMONY WITH EACH OTHER.

3 I BELIEVE THE EIGHTH DISTRICT OF SAN DIEGO
4 SHOULD BE ENTIRELY, ALWAYS ENTIRELY WITHIN THE 79TH
5 DISTRICT, 79TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, WHICH IN TURN SHOULD BE
6 ENTIRELY WITHIN THE 50TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, WHICH IN
7 TURN SHOULD COINCIDE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WITH THE 40TH
8 STATE SENATE DISTRICT.

9 I BELIEVE THAT ALL THE DISTRICTS SHOULD HAVE
10 A GREAT DEAL IN COMMON. I SUPPORT THAT ALL DISTRICTS
11 SHOULD, ALL OF THESE DISTRICTS, THE 79TH, THE 40TH STATE
12 SENATE, THE 50TH CONGRESSIONAL, SHOULD GO FROM BORDER TO
13 BORDER, FROM IMPERIAL BEACH, ALL THE WAY TO YUMA, ALL THE
14 WAY TO THE ARIZONA BORDER; THAT ALL IMPORTS, TRADE,
15 THROUGH THE SAN DIEGO AND THROUGH MEXICO, BE PART OF ALL
16 THESE DISTRICTS. THAT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. IF YOU LOOK
17 AT THE DISTRICTS, THE THINGS THEY HAVE IN COMMON, THE
18 THINGS THAT MAKE COMMON SENSE IS THAT THEY ALL BE PART OF
19 THE SAME DISTRICT SO WE CAN HANDLE TRADE WITH MEXICO. ALL
20 TRADE THAT COMES INTO OUR PORT COMES IN THROUGH THE SOUTH
21 BAY. IT DOESN'T GO THROUGH THE NORTH BAY. IT DOESN'T GO
22 THROUGH CORONADO. IT COMES THROUGH THE SOUTH BAY. WE
23 SHOULD HAVE ALL OF THOSE DISTRICTS WITHIN THE PORT
24 DISTRICT AND WITHIN THE BORDER.

25 THAT THE SAME CULTURAL AND ETHNIC MAKEUP

1 SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITHIN THESE DISTRICTS; THAT ALL
2 DISTRICTS SHOULD INCLUDE BARIO LOGAN. THAT JUST MAKES
3 SENSE. BARIO LOGAN IS PART OF THOSE DISTRICTS, AND THAT
4 IN THE 79TH DISTRICT -- AND THIS IS VERY, VERY CLOSE TO
5 ME. BY THE WAY, I'M NOT A FORMER COUNCILMAN FROM
6 SAN DIEGO. I'M A FORMER COUNCILMEMBER FROM NATIONAL
7 CITY. YOU MIGHT CORRECT THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
8 MR. CHAIRMAN.

9 AND THAT THE 79TH INCLUDE ALL OF NATIONAL
10 CITY. THAT'S VERY DEAR TO MY HEART. THERE'S ABOUT 85
11 PERCENT THAT'S IN THE 79TH. THE OTHER 15 PERCENT IS
12 WITHIN THE 77TH. I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE 77TH, EXCEPT
13 WE WOULD LIKE TO BE IN ONE DISTRICT, THE 79TH.

14 AND IF WE GO BORDER TO BORDER, YOU MUST
15 EXCLUDE EL CAJON. EL CAJON HAS VERY, VERY LITTLE. I LOVE
16 EL CAJON. THE PEOPLE IN EL CAJON ARE GREAT, BUT THEY HAVE
17 VERY, VERY LITTLE IN COMMON WITH THE PEOPLE IN THE 79TH,
18 THE PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH BAY OF SAN DIEGO.

19 MEMBERS OF THE PANEL, I URGE YOU TO ESTABLISH
20 DISTRICTS THAT HAVE SIMILARITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF
21 INTEREST. AS A FORMER CITY COUNCILMAN, I WOULD HAVE
22 DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCILS IN CALEXICO,
23 IN BRAWLEY, IN EL CENTRO. LIKE THE FORMER ASSEMBLYWOMAN
24 DUCHENY SAYS, IT MAY SEEM LIKE THERE'S A DISTANCE THERE
25 BECAUSE, AS YOU LOOK AT IT ON THE MAP, BUT WE HAVE COME

1 REALLY CLOSE TOGETHER WHEN WE START TALKING ABOUT THINGS,
2 WHEN WE START TALKING ABOUT BILINGUAL EDUCATION, WHEN WE
3 START TALKING ABOUT TRADE WITH MEXICO, WHEN WE START
4 TALKING ABOUT IMMIGRATION, WHEN WE START TALKING ABOUT A
5 BARIO. THEY KNOW WHAT A BARIO IS. AND WHEN WE STARTED
6 TALKING ABOUT THE MUTUAL PROBLEMS THAT WE HAVE. WE ARE
7 VERY, VERY CLOSE WITH IMPERIAL COUNTY.

8 I WOULD URGE YOU TO TAKE ALL OF THIS INTO
9 CONSIDERATION AND TO DRAW DISTRICTS THAT MAKE SENSE AND
10 ARE GOOD FOR ALL THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
11 LETTING ME TESTIFY.

12 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
13 COUNCILMAN, MR. INZUNZA. AND I THANK YOU FOR CORRECTING
14 OUR ERROR IN THE AGENDA LISTING THERE. SO YOUR SON,
15 OBVIOUSLY, MUST NOT LIVE AT HOME OR ELSE YOU MOVED. ONE
16 OR THE OTHER HERE, I'M ASSUMING HERE. HE ACTUALLY
17 REPRESENTS A -- HE'S A COUNCILMEMBER FROM ONE OF THE
18 SUBURBS OF NATIONAL CITY? IS THAT IT?

19 MR. INZUNZA: RALPH JUNIOR IS A COUNCILMEMBER
20 FROM THE EIGHTH DISTRICT OF SAN DIEGO.

21 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: RIGHT. HE'S FROM ONE OF
22 THE SUBURBS OF NATIONAL CITY.

23 MR. INZUNZA: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: CERTAINLY. BY THE WAY,
25 THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL REFERENCES MADE DURING THE

1 TESTIMONY THUS FAR ABOUT THE NUMBERS OF DISTRICTS. KEEP
2 IN MIND THAT THE NUMBERS MAY CHANGE A LITTLE BIT TOO AS
3 TIME GOES ON. THERE WILL BE LESS OF THAT IMPACT IN THIS
4 PART OF THE STATE THAN IN MOST BECAUSE OF THE WAY THE
5 SYSTEM WORKS.

6 WE START NUMBERING DISTRICTS IN THE
7 NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE STATE. THE AREAS WHERE THERE WILL
8 BE THE MOST SHIFTING TAKING PLACE IN NUMBERS WILL BE
9 TOWARD THE MIDDLE OF THE STATE, BECAUSE WHEN WE END UP,
10 THE HIGHEST NUMBERS WILL BE DOWN IN THIS AREA.

11 SO THE WAY THE RULES WORK, THE DISTRICT THAT
12 BEGINS IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF CALIFORNIA, WHETHER IT'S
13 ASSEMBLY, SENATE, OR CONGRESS, WILL BE THE FIRST DISTRICT,
14 OR THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, THE SAME THING, THE FIRST
15 DISTRICT. THEN THE NORTHERNMOST POINT OF EACH DISTRICT
16 DETERMINES WHERE THE NEXT NUMBER GOES, AND IF YOU HAVE TWO
17 DISTRICTS WHICH HAVE THEIR NORTHERNMOST POINTS ARE EXACTLY
18 THE SAME, NORTH/SOUTH, THEN THE ONE ON THE WEST WILL HAVE
19 THE LOWER NUMBER. THE ONE ON THE EAST WILL HAVE THE
20 HIGHER NUMBER.

21 SO THAT'S THE SYSTEM THAT'S IN USE. IT
22 SHOULDN'T HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT DOWN HERE, BUT KEEP IN MIND
23 AS THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY IS WHAT DETERMINES THE NUMBERS,
24 THERE MAY BE SOME CHANGES IN NUMBERS. A DISTRICT MAY
25 CHANGE A TINY AMOUNT AND STILL END UP WITH A DIFFERENT

1 NUMBER DEPENDING ON WHAT ITS NORTHERNMOST POINT IS.

2 WE NOW HAVE A GROUP OF WITNESSES WHO ARE

3 GOING TO TESTIFY. I DON'T KNOW IF EVERY ONE OF THEM IS

4 HERE. I'M GOING TO READ OFF THE NAMES ONE AT A TIME TO

5 COME FORWARD. WE MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE EVERYONE HERE. THIS

6 IS A GROUP FROM ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS FOR FAIR

7 REDISTRICTING. AND I HAVE SEVEN PEOPLE HERE. LET ME

8 FIRST START WITH -- AGAIN, I APOLOGIZE IN ADVANCE FOR

9 SCREWING UP ANYBODY'S NAME.

10 KATHAY FENG. AND WE DON'T REALLY HAVE I

11 DON'T THINK ENOUGH CHAIRS FOR EVERYBODY AT ONCE, BUT

12 YOU'RE CERTAINLY WELCOME TO SIT AS A PANEL AND PERHAPS

13 JUST ALTERNATE OR SOMETHING. LET ME ASK IF I CAN GET

14 NAMES CORRECTED HERE FOR ME FIRST.

15 KATHAY FENG, IS THAT A CLOSE PRONOUNCIATION

16 OF YOUR NAME? COULD YOU PRONOUNCE IT FOR US.

17 MS. FENG: KATHAY FENG.

18 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: KATHAY FENG. THANK

19 YOU. THEN DAN ICHINOSE.

20 MR. ICHINOSE: ICHINOSE.

21 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: ICHINOSE. THANK YOU.

22 BECAUSE I WAS GOING TO GET IT WRONG. THANK YOU, MR.

23 ICHINOSE.

24 LET'S SEE. WE HAVE ARLIE RICASA.

25 MS. RICASA: YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

1 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THAT'S A CLOSE
2 PRONOUNCIATION?
3 MS. RICASA: VERY GOOD. THANK YOU.
4 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
5 AND LEVIN SY.
6 MR. SY: LEVIN, L-E-V-I-N.
7 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: L-E-V-I-N. THERE SHOULD
8 BE NO E ON THE END OF THAT?
9 MR. SY: EXACTLY.
10 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: AND IT'S LEVIN?
11 MR. SY: YES.
12 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: AND THE LAST NAME IS SY?
13
14 MR. SY: SY.
15 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: SY. OKAY. AND JOANNE
16 FIELDS. IS JOANNE FIELDS HERE?
17 MS. FENG: WHAT WE WILL DO IS WE WILL FIRST
18 HAVE THESE FOUR PANELISTS SPEAK, AND THEN WE'LL FOLLOW
19 WITH THE NEXT THREE, IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT.
20 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
21 WHAT I'M GOING TO DO, THEN, MS. FENG, IS JUST LEAVE IT IN
22 YOUR HANDS TO BRING UP YOUR OTHER PEOPLE AT SUCH TIME.
23 MS. FENG: I'LL BE A MODERATOR.
24 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: AND LET YOU MODERATE.
25 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

1 MS. FENG: BEFORE I BEGIN, I DID WANT TO
2 THANK ASSEMBLYMEMBER LONGVILLE AND THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
3 FOR HAVING THESE OPEN HEARINGS, STARTING IN SAN DIEGO,
4 BUT, OF COURSE, HAVING HEARINGS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. WE
5 THOUGHT IT WAS A VERY IMPORTANT MOVE TO HAVE THE HEARINGS
6 BE OPEN AND REGIONAL, AND WE ALSO WANTED TO COMMEND THE
7 COMMITTEE FOR MAKING THE COMMITMENT TO POSTING THE MAPS IN
8 A PUBLIC WEBSITE AND THEN ALSO HAVING SUBSEQUENT HEARINGS
9 SO THAT FOLKS COULD COMMENT ON THEM AFTER THE MAPS HAVE
10 BEEN POSTED. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PUTTING ALL OF
11 THE LEGWORK IN TO MAKING THAT POSSIBLE.

12 MY NAME IS KATHAY FENG, AND I AM AN ATTORNEY
13 AND THE PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE VOTING RIGHTS AND
14 ANTIDISCRIMINATION UNIT OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC LEGAL CENTER.

15 OUR ORGANIZATION, APALC, FOR SHORT, HAS BEEN
16 WORKING WITH THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES
17 THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
18 REDISTRICTING PROCESS. THESE EFFORTS BEGAN AS EARLY AS
19 1998 THROUGH THE CREATION OF A NETWORK OF COMMUNITY BASED
20 ORGANIZATIONS TARGETING OUTREACH ON THE CENSUS 2000
21 ISSUES.

22 WE BUILT ON THAT NETWORK BY ORGANIZING PEOPLE
23 IN NINE DIFFERENT REGIONS AROUND THE ISSUE OF
24 REDISTRICTING. NOT ONLY DID APALC PROVIDE TRAINING ON
25 REDISTRICTING BASICS, INCLUDING THE LAW, THE POLITICS, AND

1 THE TECHNOLOGY BEHIND IT, BUT WE ALSO SUBMITTED LOCAL
2 COMMUNITY INPUT ABOUT THEIR INTERESTS. WHAT EMERGED WAS A
3 STATEWIDE COALITION CALLED THE COALITION OF ASIAN PACIFIC
4 AMERICANS FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING, OR CABAFR, AND YOU WILL
5 HEAR FROM SEVERAL OF THOSE COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO
6 PARTICIPATED IN CABAFR-SAN DIEGO TODAY.

7 WE FEEL THAT THIS ORGANIZING AND EDUCATIONAL
8 EFFORT AROUND REDISTRICTING IS CRITICAL TO ENSURING THAT
9 OUR ELECTORAL SYSTEM FULLY AND DEMOCRATICALLY REPRESENTS
10 THE MANY COMMUNITIES THAT MAKE UP OUR GREAT STATE AND
11 NATION.

12 THROUGHOUT THE STATE, AS WE HAVE DIALOGUED
13 WITH APIA COMMUNITY LEADERS, ONE RESOUNDING CONCERN WAS
14 THAT OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE TOO OFTEN BEEN SERVED UP ON THE
15 REDISTRICTING CHOPPING BLOCK IN THE PAST.

16 LIKE THE LOS ANGELES LATINO POPULATION IN THE
17 GARZA CASE IN THE 1980S, THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER
18 COMMUNITIES HAVE SUFFERED DISENFRANCHISEMENT AND LACK OF
19 POLITICAL REPRESENTATION AS A RESULT OF THIS FRACTURING.

20 OUR PRESENCE IN THIS ROUND OF REDISTRICTING
21 IS TO ENSURE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES DO NOT SUFFER THE SAME
22 FATE IN THE NEXT DECADE.

23 VITAL TO OUR EFFORTS TOWARD THIS GOAL HAS
24 BEEN OUR DIALOGUE AND COLLABORATION WITH OUR MANY
25 COUNTERPART CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS MEXICAN

1 AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL FUND, NAACP,
2 SOUTHWEST VOTERS, AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, AND MANY
3 OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

4 ULTIMATELY, WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE
5 REDISTRICTING PROCESS IS A MICROCOSM OF THE WORK THAT
6 REFLECTS THE DIRECTION THAT OUR DIVERSE AND GROWING STATE
7 WILL BE TAKING FOR THE NEXT DECADE. WE HOPE THAT OUR
8 EFFORTS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO ENSURING THAT OUR ELECTORAL
9 SYSTEM IS TRULY REPRESENTATIVE AND RESPONSIVE TO OUR MANY
10 DIVERSE COMMUNITIES.

11 AT APALC, OUR REDISTRICTING WORK HAS BEEN
12 GUIDED BY TWO BASIC PRINCIPLES. ONE, THE VOTING RIGHTS
13 ACT OF 1965 REQUIRES LEGISLATURES TO REDISTRICT IN SUCH A
14 MANNER THAT DOES NOT DILUTE MINORITY VOTER POPULATIONS;
15 AND, TWO, THE LEGISLATURE CAN AND SHOULD BALANCE MANY
16 FACTORS SUCH AS THE ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE MANDATE, RACE,
17 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST, PARTY REGISTRATION, COMPACTNESS,
18 CONTIGUITY, AND INCUMBENCY IN REDEVELOPING THE
19 REDISTRICTING PLANS.

20 AS SUCH, CAPAFR REPRESENTS A BROAD
21 CROSS-SECTION OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN
22 COMMUNITIES, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, AS WE WERE MEETING AND
23 DEVELOPING PRIORITIES AND GOALS, WE LOOKED AT AND
24 DISCUSSED THE BROADEST RANGE OF FACTORS AND DEMOGRAPHIC
25 DATA TO FACILITATE THE LEGISLATURE IN CREATING PLANS THAT

1 ARE BOTH LEGAL AND VIABLE.

2 WHAT YOU WILL HEAR TODAY IS TESTIMONY FROM
3 VARIOUS COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS IN THE CAPAFR-SAN DIEGO
4 NETWORK AS WELL AS OUR DEMOGRAPHER DAN ICHINOSE, WHO WILL
5 PRESENT TO YOU A SET OF REDISTRICTING PRIORITIES THAT HAVE
6 COME OUT OF MANY LONG MEETINGS, AND, BELIEVE ME, THEY HAVE
7 BEEN LONG, OVER THE COURSE OF ABOUT A YEAR.
8 CAPAFR-SAN DIEGO EXAMINES MAPS OF CURRENT ASSEMBLY
9 DISTRICT LINES, CITIES AND PLACES, EXISTING SCHOOL
10 DISTRICTS, AND OTHER POLITICAL LINES, PARTY REGISTRATION,
11 LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS, MINORITY POPULATION
12 DATA, DEMOGRAPHIC DATA SUCH AS INCOME, IMMIGRATION, AND
13 AGE.

14 ADDITIONALLY, AS WITH EACH CAPAFR,
15 SAN DIEGO'S COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS DISCUSS THE ISSUES AND
16 INTEREST IN THEIR REGION AND HOW COMMUNITIES HAVE FORMED
17 AROUND THOSE INTERESTS. AS POSSIBLE DISTRICT
18 CONFIGURATIONS EMERGED, WE ANALYZED THESE BY LOOKING AT
19 PARTY REGISTRATION, POTENTIAL INCUMBENT INTERESTS, AND, OF
20 COURSE, THE POPULATION SIZE AND APPEARANCE.

21 WE ARE NOT PREPARED TODAY TO PRESENT ACTUAL
22 PROPOSALS FOR ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS. HOWEVER, THE MEMBERS OF
23 CAPAFR-SAN DIEGO WHO ARE HERE TODAY WILL SHARE WITH YOU
24 NOT ONLY SOME BACKGROUND ABOUT ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER
25 COMMUNITIES IN SAN DIEGO, BUT ALSO THE GOALS AND

1 PRIORITIES THAT THE GROUP HAS IDENTIFIED FOR REDISTRICTING
2 IN ITS REGION, AS IMPORTANT TO ENSURING THE FULL AND
3 MEANINGFUL ENFRANCHISEMENT OF THEIR COMMUNITY.

4 AND WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE ARLIE
5 RICK.

6 MS. RICASA: GOOD AFTERNOON. AND, AGAIN,
7 THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN
8 THIS VERY IMPORTANT DIALOGUE FOR THE STATE.

9 MY NAME IS ARLIE RICASA-BAGAPORO, AND I'M
10 TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF THE COALITION OF ASIAN PACIFIC
11 AMERICANS FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING, CAPAFR OF SAN DIEGO.

12 I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN IMPERIAL BEACH. I
13 CURRENTLY LIVE IN BONITA, WHERE I'M MARRIED AND RAISING
14 TWO CHILDREN AND WITH ONE ON THE WAY, JUST WITHIN THE NEXT
15 FOUR WEEKS HERE. AND, NO, I'M NOT NAMING MY CHILD CAPAFR.

16 I CURRENTLY -- I'VE BEEN A LIFELONG RESIDENT
17 OF THE SOUTH BAY OF SAN DIEGO, AND I SIT ON THE BOARD OF
18 TRUSTEES FOR THE SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT.
19 I'M CURRENTLY THE INTERIM DEAN OF STUDENT SERVICES AT
20 SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE IN CHULA VISTA. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF
21 THE CHULA VISTA POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE, A BOARD MEMBER
22 FOR THE METROPOLITAN AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH IS THE
23 MAAC PROJECT OF SAN DIEGO, AND A MEMBER OF THE FILIPINO
24 AMERICAN ACTION COMMITTEE, PAPAC.

25 I'D LIKE TO THANK THE COMMITTEE FOR HOLDING

1 THESE HEARINGS AND SPECIFICALLY FOR HOLDING THEM, AT LEAST
2 THE FIRST ONE, HERE IN SAN DIEGO. I'D LIKE TO COMMEND
3 BOTH THE COMMITTEE AND THE LEGISLATURE FOR GATHERING THIS
4 COMMUNITY INPUT AND HOPEFULLY MAKING IT A VERY SIGNIFICANT
5 PART OF THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

6 CAPAFR-SAN DIEGO IS A DIVERSE COALITION OF
7 ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICANS. THIS HAS BEEN
8 MEETING SINCE LAST SUMMER, AND WITH THE ASIAN PACIFIC
9 AMERICAN LEGAL CENTER, REDISTRICTING TEAMS TO LEARN ABOUT
10 REDISTRICTING AND TO PARTICIPATE. CAPAFR-SAN DIEGO FORMED
11 OUT OF A NETWORK OF INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS IN
12 SAN DIEGO WHO PERFORMED OUTREACH TO THE ENTIRE APIA
13 COMMUNITY ABOUT CENSUS 2000.

14 OVER THE MANY MONTHS, WE HAVE BEEN MEETING,
15 CAPAFR-SAN DIEGO HAS INCLUDED OR OUT REACHED TO MANY
16 GROUPS, INCLUDING THE ASIAN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, THE
17 PACIFIC ISLANDER FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION, SOUTHWEST CENTER
18 FOR ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LAW, THE CENTER OF POLICY
19 INITIATIVES, AND MORE. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TO ENSURE
20 THAT THE APIA COMMUNITY VOICE IS HEARD IN THIS
21 REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

22 FROM THIS WORK, WE KNOW THAT THE VOTING
23 RIGHTS ACT PROHIBITS DILUTION OF MINORITY VOTES, AND THAT
24 IS UNDERMIND WHEN OUR COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF
25 INTEREST ARE SPLIT UP INTO MANY DISTRICTS. WE ALSO

1 RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF REDISTRICTING TO KEEP THE
2 COMMUNITIES INTACT SO THAT WE CAN ELECT LEGISLATORS WHO
3 WILL BE RESPONSIVE TO OUR CONCERNS AND NEEDS. BECAUSE OF
4 THESE CONCERNS, WE ARE EAGER TO HAVE A VOICE IN THE
5 REDISTRICTING PROCESS. AND, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THE
6 OPPORTUNITY IN COMING HERE TO SAN DIEGO.

7 I'VE BEEN A PART OF CAPAFR-SAN DIEGO GROUP
8 SINCE IT FIRST CAME TOGETHER LAST SUMMER. MANY OF THE
9 MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS IN SAN DIEGO HAVE
10 PARTICIPATED SINCE LAST FALL. OUR EFFORTS IN SAN DIEGO
11 HAVE BEEN COORDINATED THROUGH APALC BY THE SOUTHWEST
12 CENTER FOR ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LAW, SCAPAL.

13 THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, WE HAVE BEEN ALL BEEN
14 WORKING WITH APALC TO LEARN ABOUT THE LAW AND PROCESS OF
15 REDISTRICTING. ARMED WITH THAT KNOWLEDGE, WE HAVE BEEN
16 MEETING TO LOOK CAREFULLY AT THE SAN DIEGO REGION'S
17 DEMOGRAPHIC, COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST, AND POLITICAL
18 INTEREST, TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC
19 ISLANDER AMERICAN COMMUNITIES ARE IN SAN DIEGO.

20 WE HAVE ALSO BEEN TRYING TO IDENTIFY GOALS
21 FOR REDISTRICTING THAT WOULD PROTECT THE VOTING RIGHTS OF
22 ALL MINORITY COMMUNITIES WHILE RESPECTING COMMUNITIES OF
23 INTEREST IN SAN DIEGO, KEEPING TOGETHER CITIES, AREAS,
24 NEIGHBORHOODS, AND COMMUNITIES THAT SHARE INTEREST NOT
25 LIMITED TO RACE.

1 WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS JUST SHARE WITH YOU
2 SOME OF MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE SOUTH BAY. I HOPE YOU DO TAKE
3 THIS INPUT INTO ACCOUNT AND LISTEN TO THE FOLLOWING THREE
4 AREAS.

5 FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE ASK THAT YOU ENFORCE
6 THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT AND BE COGNIZANT OF MINORITY
7 INTERESTS IN REDISTRICTING. AS WE ALL KNOW, WHILE RACE
8 CANNOT BE THE PREDOMINANT FACTOR IN REDISTRICTING, IT CAN
9 BE A FACTOR BALANCED WITH ALL OTHER FACTORS. IN FACT,
10 CONSIDERING RACE IS NECESSARY TO MAKING SURE YOU DON'T
11 SPLIT OR PACK MINORITY VOTES INTO DISTRICTS.

12 TO ENFORCE THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT, WE URGE
13 THAT YOU SERIOUSLY CONSIDER OUR COMMUNITIES' INPUT AND THE
14 INTEREST OF THE LATINO AND THE AFRICAN AMERICAN
15 COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE IN IDENTIFYING WHERE
16 COMMUNITIES ARE LOCATED AND WHAT OUR INTERESTS ARE.

17 SECOND, WE ASK THAT YOU KEEP OUR COMMUNITIES
18 WHOLE. WE URGE YOU TO LEARN ABOUT AND RESPECT THE
19 BOUNDARIES OF COHESIVE MINORITY COMMUNITIES AND NOT SPLIT
20 OUR COMMUNITIES ACROSS MULTIPLE ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS, AS WAS
21 STATED BY MANY OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS.

22 THIRD, WE ASK THAT YOU RESPECT OUR
23 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST. WE ARE EQUALLY CONCERNED THAT
24 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST BE HELD TOGETHER. IN ADDITION TO
25 IDENTIFYING WHERE SAN DIEGO'S ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER

1 AMERICAN COMMUNITIES ARE, I WILL ALSO SHARE SOME OF OUR
2 DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU ABOUT OUR INTERESTS AND CONCERNS AND
3 WHAT OTHER AREAS AND COMMUNITIES IN SAN DIEGO WE FEEL HAVE
4 SOMETHING IN COMMON WITH.

5 WE URGE YOU TO RESPECT THESE COMMUNITY
6 INTERESTS AND UNITE US WITH OTHER AREAS IN THE REGION WITH
7 WHOM WE SHARE THESE INTERESTS.

8 TO BEGIN, I WILL FIRST DESCRIBE WHERE THE
9 ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN COMMUNITIES ARE IN
10 SAN DIEGO, OUR HISTORY IN THE REGION AND WHAT SOME OF OUR
11 INTERESTS IN ARE, AND THEN I'D LIKE TO SHARE OUR GOALS FOR
12 REDISTRICTING, GIVEN THESE INTERESTS.

13 IN EXPLAINING THESE GOALS, I'D LIKE TO TELL
14 YOU A LITTLE ABOUT OUR REASONS FOR THESE GOALS AND WHAT
15 AREAS WE FEEL HAVE TO HAVE CONNECTION AND WOULD LIKE TO BE
16 KEPT TOGETHER.

17 THE LARGEST ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER
18 AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN SOUTH BAY IS FILIPINO AMERICAN
19 COMMUNITIES. THERE ARE FILIPINO AMERICANS IN SEVERAL
20 PARTS OF THIS CITY, TRADITIONALLY CALLED THE SOUTH BAY:
21 NATIONAL CITY, PARADISE HILLS, CHULA VISTA, INCLUDING
22 BONITA, EAST LAKE, NESTOR, SAN YSIDRO, AND IMPERIAL
23 BEACH. SAN DIEGO'S FILIPINO AMERICAN COMMUNITY IS LARGE,
24 DUE IN PART TO THE HISTORIC PRESENCE OF MILITARY HERE.
25 MANY FILIPINOS AND THEIR FAMILIES ORIGINALLY CAME TO THE

1 UNITED STATES BECAUSE THEY JOINED THE U.S. MILITARY, AND I
2 AM A PROJECT OF THAT.

3 NATIONAL CITY IS IN SOME RESPECTS THE
4 COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL CENTER OF THE FILIPINO AMERICAN
5 COMMUNITY. MANY OF THE ETHNIC GROCERY STORES THAT SERVE
6 THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING SEAFOOD CITY, KARIHAN BAKERY, AND
7 FAMILY LOOMPYA, ARE IN NATIONAL CITY WHERE FILIPINO
8 AMERICANS FROM PARADISE HILLS THROUGH SOUTH SAN DIEGO
9 OFTEN COME.

10 CHULA VISTA, INCLUDING THE AREA OF BONITA,
11 LIKE NATIONAL CITY, IS A VERY DIVERSE PLACE. AND IT IS
12 ALSO HOME TO MANY FILIPINO AMERICANS. PARADISE HILLS IS
13 ON THE EASTERN BORDER OF NATIONAL CITY, VERY CLOSE TO THE
14 BAY VIEW MILITARY HOUSING, AND ALSO HOME TO MANY FILIPINO
15 AMERICANS.

16 PARADISE HILLS IS A MIX OF MILITARY FAMILIES,
17 SOME RETIRED MILITARY, AND ELDERLY RESIDENTS. IN LOOKING
18 AT THIS REGION, WE DID MUCH MORE THAN JUST IDENTIFY WHERE
19 THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN COMMUNITIES WERE.
20 WE SPENT A GREAT DEAL OF TIME LOOKING AT THE CURRENT
21 ASSEMBLY DISTRICTSLINES AND IDENTIFYING COMMUNITIES OF
22 INTEREST THAT EXIST IN THE SOUTH BAY, INCLUDING BUT NOT
23 LIMITED TO THE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST THAT FORM THE
24 AREA'S COHESIVE FILIPINO AMERICAN COMMUNITY. SOME OF THE
25 INTERESTS UNITING THE SOUTH BAY COMMUNITY INCLUDE THE

1 FOLLOWING.

2 EDUCATION. FIRST, THE ISSUE OF EDUCATION
3 UNITES THE SOUTH BAY. MANY OF THE SOUTH BAY CITIES AND
4 AREAS SHARE CONCERNS ABOUT EDUCATION IN THE AREA. FIRST,
5 THE ELEMENTARY DISTRICTS IN THE SOUTH BAY FEED INTO THE
6 SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT. THIS INCLUDES
7 NATIONAL CITY, CHULA VISTA, BONITA, IMPERIAL BEACH,
8 SAN YSIDRO, AND OTAY MESA.

9 IN ADDITION, MANY OF THESE AREAS ARE HOME TO
10 STUDENTS OF SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE, WHERE I AM THE INTERIM
11 DEAN OF STUDENT SERVICES. SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE IS THE
12 ONLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT SERVES THE SOUTH BAY, AND IT
13 REALLY UNITES THE RESIDENTS IN THE SOUTH BAY AREA,
14 INCLUDING NOT ONLY THE AREAS THAT ATTEND SWEETWATER UNION
15 HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, BUT THE PARADISE HILLS AS WELL,
16 WHICH IS PART OF THE SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.
17 IT'S LOCATED IN CHULA VISTA BUT ALSO HAS SATELLITE
18 CAMPUSES IN NATIONAL CITY AND SAN YSIDRO TO BETTER SERVICE
19 THE SOUTH BAY.

20 THIS AREA WILL BE EVEN MORE TIGHTLY CONNECTED
21 BY THE EDUCATIONAL PROJECT BEING BUILT ON OTAY MESA AS A
22 PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE SWEETWATER, SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE,
23 AND SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY. THE PROJECT ENTITLED
24 PROJECT SYNERGY IS A SCHOOL THAT WILL PROVIDE A SEAMLESS
25 CURRICULUM, BEGINNING WITH GRADE NINE, AND EXTENDING

1 THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL. IT WILL TRACK MANY SOUTH
2 BAY RESIDENTS, BOTH BECAUSE IT IS PART OF THE SWEETWATER
3 UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT IN SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE AND
4 BECAUSE OF ITS LOCATION.

5 ADDITIONALLY, WE'LL PROBABLY KEEP SOUTH BAY
6 STUDENTS IN THE AREA WHO WOULD OTHERWISE SEEK A COLLEGE
7 DEGREE FROM SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY'S CAMPUS FURTHER
8 NORTH BECAUSE IT WILL BE MUCH EASIER FOR THEM TO ATTEND IN
9 OTAY MESA. NOT ONLY IS OTAY MESA ALREADY A FAMILIAR PART
10 OF THEIR COMMUNITY, THESE STUDENTS WILL ALSO AVOID THE
11 TRAFFIC, OVERCROWDING, THE HIGH COST OF LIVING, AND THE
12 LACK OF PARKING THAT ARE ENDEMIC TO THE SAN DIEGO STATE
13 UNIVERSITY AREA.

14 THE MILITARY. THE MILITARY IS ANOTHER COMMON
15 LINK RUNNING THROUGH THE SOUTH BAY. MANY PEOPLE IN THE
16 SOUTH BAY HAVE A CONNECTION TO THE MILITARY BECAUSE EITHER
17 THEY OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBER ARE CURRENTLY SERVING WITH OR
18 RETIRED FROM THE MILITARY. SPECIFICALLY, THOSE IN
19 PARADISE HILLS, BONITA, AND CHULA VISTA, ARE MORE LIKELY
20 THAN OTHERS TO HAVE SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES.

21 CRIME ALSO LINKS THE SOUTH BAY COMMUNITY. AS
22 IN MANY PLACES, CRIME IS CERTAINLY A CONCERN IN SAN DIEGO
23 AND IN THE SOUTH BAY. VIOLENT CRIMES LIKE MURDER, RAPE,
24 AND ASSAULT ARE PARTICULAR CONCERNS AND SERIOUS. NATIONAL
25 CITY AND CHULA VISTA HAVE VIOLENT CRIME RATES SIMILAR TO

1 THOSE IN THE REST OF THE SOUTH BAY, WHICH TEND TO BE AT OR
2 ABOVE THE COUNTY AVERAGE.

3 THESE AND OTHER INTERESTS REALLY UNITE THE
4 SOUTH BAY COMMUNITY AND ARE PART OF OUR IDENTITY AS THE
5 SOUTH BAY. WE HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER THIS WHEN YOU LOOK
6 AT THE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT LINES OF THE REGION AND
7 SPECIFICALLY CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER TO FULFILL
8 THE IMPORTANT GOALS OF ENFORCING THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT,
9 KEEPING OUR COMMUNITIES WHOLE AND RESPECTING OUR
10 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST.

11 FIRST, WE URGE TO KEEP THE CITY OF CHULA
12 VISTA WHOLE AND ONE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT. THROUGH
13 TRADITIONAL REDISTRICTING PRINCIPLES, EMPHASIZE KEEPING
14 CITIES WHOLE, THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA IS CURRENTLY DIVIDED
15 INTO TWO ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS.

16 SECOND, WE URGE TO UNITE THE AREAS
17 TRADITIONALLY CONSIDERED TO BE THE SOUTH BAY. THIS WOULD
18 MEAN MAKING CHULA VISTA WHOLE, UNITING IT WITH OTHER SOUTH
19 BAY IDENTIFIED AREAS LIKE BONITA AND PARADISE HILLS WITH
20 NATIONAL CITY. THIS WOULD NOT ONLY ENSURE THE COHESIVE
21 ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF SOUTH BAY
22 IS UNITED, BUT JUST AS IMPORTANTLY WOULD ALSO UNIFY INTO
23 ONE DISTRICT THE COMMUNITIES IN THIS AREA THAT SHARE
24 INTEREST AND IDENTITY OF THE SOUTH BAY. THAT SOUTH BAY
25 IDENTITY IS ORIENTED TO THE WESTERN PART OF SAN DIEGO, THE

1 MOST DIVERSE URBAN PART OF SAN DIEGO.

2 WE URGE YOU TO RESPECT THE BOUNDARIES OF THIS
3 COMMUNITY AND HOLD THESE AREAS TOGETHER IN ONE DISTRICT.
4 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

5 MS. FENG: OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE LEVIN
6 SY.

7 MR. SY: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LEVIN
8 SY, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF MIRA MESA, A NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE
9 NORTHERN PART OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO. AND I'M A PROUD
10 PRODUCT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE AREA. MY FAMILY
11 CONTINUES TO LIVE IN THE AREA, AND FOR A PERIOD OF 13
12 YEARS, I'VE PERSONALLY WITNESSED THE GROWTH OF THIS
13 COMMUNITY. IN MY FINAL YEAR AS A MASTERS CANDIDATE AT THE
14 UCLA SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AND SOCIAL RESEARCH AND THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF URBAN PLANNING HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO
16 TAKE ACADEMIC COURSES AND PURSUE RESEARCH RELEVANT TO THE
17 REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

18 I'M ALSO A CO-FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER OF THE
19 SOUTHWEST CENTER FOR ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LAW, SCAPAL.
20 BASED IN NATIONAL CITY, SCAPAL IS A NONPROFIT FORMED BY
21 CONCERNED PROFESSIONALS FROM SAN DIEGO'S LEGAL, BUSINESS,
22 AND ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THE
23 RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE ACCESS TO
24 THE LEGAL SYSTEM. WE PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES, OFFER
25 COMMUNITY EDUCATION, AND CONDUCT RELEVANT RESEARCH AND

1 POLICY ANALYSIS FOR THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER OF
2 AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN THE AREA.

3 SCAPAL IS JUST ONE OF THE MANY MEMBERS WHO
4 HAVE FORMED CAPAFR-SAN DIEGO, THE DIVERSE COALITION OF
5 ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICANS THAT HAVE BEEN
6 MEETING SINCE LAST SUMMER TO LEARN NOT ONLY ABOUT
7 REDISTRICTING, BUT ALSO ABOUT HOW OUR COMMUNITIES CAN
8 PARTICIPATE IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT PROCESS. TO BEST
9 ENSURE THAT NEW ASSEMBLY DISTRICT LINES REPRESENT OUR
10 COMMUNITY AND BEST ALLOW OUR COMMUNITIES WITH SHARED
11 INTERESTS TO ELECT REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL BE RESPONSIVE
12 TO THOSE COMMON INTERESTS AND NEEDS, WE WANT TO SHARE OUR
13 CONCERNS ABOUT THE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT LINES.

14 I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH CAPAFR-SAN DIEGO TO
15 ASSESS THE DEMOGRAPHY, THE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST, AND
16 POLITICAL LANDSCAPE OF SAN DIEGO, IN PARTICULAR NORTHERN
17 SAN DIEGO. IN ADDITION TO IDENTIFYING WHERE THE ASIAN AND
18 PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES ARE IN THIS AREA, WE HAVE
19 ALSO BEEN IDENTIFYING GOALS AND PRIORITIES FOR
20 REDISTRICTING THAT WOULD PROTECT THE VOTING RIGHTS OF
21 MINORITY COMMUNITIES AND RESPECT THE COMMUNITIES OF
22 INTEREST IN SAN DIEGO.

23 FIRST, I'D LIKE TO BEGIN WITH MY COMMUNITY OF
24 MIRA MESA. MIRA MESA IS A PLANNED COMMUNITY THAT
25 DEVELOPED AROUND A POPULATION OF PEOPLE WORKING FOR THE

1 MILITARY, A RELATIVELY NEW SUBURB WITH THE BULK OF HOUSING
2 CONSTRUCTION OCCURRING IN THE LATE SEVENTIES. SAN DIEGO
3 HAS RECOGNIZED THIS COMMUNITY AS A NEIGHBORHOOD, BY
4 ANNEXING IN 1958.

5 THE ECONOMY IS DOMINATED BY THE PRESENCE OF
6 THE MILITARY AND THE MIRAMAR AIR STATION, AND IN RECENT
7 YEARS, THE GROWTH OF THE HIGH TECH AND BIOTECH INDUSTRIES
8 IN THE SORRENTO VALLEY, DUE TO THE CLOSENESS OF THE
9 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA OF SAN DIEGO HAS ALSO IMPACTED
10 THE AREA.

11 HOWEVER, THE COMMUNITY OF MIRA MESA HAS
12 REMAINED A COHESIVE ONE. SOME OF THE COMMON
13 CHARACTERISTICS OF MIRA MESA COMMUNITY INCLUDE MIRA MESA
14 IS GEOGRAPHICALLY AND EASILY IDENTIFIABLE BY FOUR MAIN
15 AREAS. TO THE NORTH, THE LOS PENASQUITOS CANYON RESERVE.
16 TO THE EAST AND TO THE WEST, THE I-15 AND 805 FREEWAYS,
17 AND TO THE SOUTH, BY THE MIRAMAR NAVAL AIR STATION.

18 THE MIRA MESA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP IS
19 ALSO RECOGNIZED BY THE CITY AS AN OFFICIAL PLANNING AREA.
20 GOVERNMENT SERVICES SUCH AS FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES ALSO
21 RECOGNIZE MIRA MESA AS A COMMUNITY. ORGANIZATIONS
22 THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZE THEMSELVES AROUND THE
23 SHARED PERCEPTION OF COMMUNITY. FOR EXAMPLE, THE MIRA
24 MESA TOWN COUNCIL, A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION THAT WORKS
25 TOWARD THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE MIRA MESA COMMUNITY,

1 ORGANIZES NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS LIKE THE MIRA MESA STREET
2 FAIR HELD IN OCTOBER, INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, RIGHT OFF OF
3 CAMINO RUIZ, WHICH IS THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN THE
4 CURRENT 76TH AND 75TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS.

5 INITIALLY, DEVELOPED AS THE HOUSING NEEDS OF
6 THE MILITARY POPULATION, MIRA MESA HAS DEVELOPED OVER TIME
7 AND TO AN AFFORDABLE MIDDLE CLASS COMMUNITY AND RESIDENTS
8 SHARE FAIRLY CONSISTENT LEVELS OF INCOME. MIRA MESA IS
9 ALSO HOME TO A LARGE CONCENTRATION OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC
10 ISLANDER COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY FILIPINO AMERICANS.
11 TRUE TO THE HISTORY OF MIRA MESA, MANY OF THESE FILIPINO
12 AMERICANS ARE ALSO CONNECTED TO THE MILITARY EITHER
13 BECAUSE THEY THEMSELVES HAVING SERVED IN THE MILITARY OR
14 ARE CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE MILITARY OR BECAUSE THEY ARE
15 DESCENDANTS OR FAMILY MEMBERS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL.

16 MIRA MESA IS A UNIQUE, COHESIVE COMMUNITY
17 WITH COMMON INTERESTS. WE ALSO HAVE COMMON PROBLEMS. AS
18 A CITY COUNCILMEMBER ALREADY STATED EARLIER THIS MORNING,
19 DRIVING DOWN MIRA MESA BOULEVARD DURING RUSH HOUR TRAFFIC,
20 YOU WILL KNOW THAT CONGESTION PERMEATES OUR COMMUNITY AND
21 OUR SURROUNDING SIDE STREETS. HOWEVER, MIRA MESA IS
22 CURRENTLY DIVIDED INTO TWO ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS.

23 TO MITIGATE THESE TRAFFIC CONCERNS AND SOLVE
24 OTHER CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY, IT MAKES SENSE TO HAVE
25 ONE ASSEMBLYMEMBER OR STATE SENATOR TO SPEAK TO. WE URGE

1 THAT YOU RESPECT NOT JUST THE INTERESTS OF THE FILIPINO
2 AMERICAN COMMUNITY BUT THE INTERESTS OF ALL OF US IN
3 MIRA MESA BY UNITING MIRA MESA INTO ONE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.

4 ANOTHER AREA THAT I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT
5 WITH A LARGE POPULATION OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER
6 AMERICANS IS THE COMMUNITY OF LINDA VISTA. LINDA VISTA IS
7 A SMALL COMMUNITY LOCATED SOUTH OF MIRA MESA, AND LIKE
8 MIRA MESA, IT'S HOME AND HAS BEEN A POINT OF ENTRY FOR
9 MANY IMMIGRANTS, SPECIFICALLY, SOUTHEAST ASIAN IMMIGRANTS
10 WHO HAVE MOVED ON TO OTHER PARTS OF SAN DIEGO, AS THEY
11 GAIN MORE ECONOMIC STABILITY.

12 THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN POPULATION HERE IN
13 SAN DIEGO, LIKE THE FILIPINO AMERICANS, CAME HERE BECAUSE
14 OF THE MILITARY, BUT UNDER TOTALLY DIFFERENT
15 CIRCUMSTANCES. THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN POPULATION WAS
16 PRIMARILY A REFUGEE POPULATION THAT WAS HOUSED IN OLD
17 FORMER MILITARY HOUSING IN LINDA VISTA AND BROUGHT IN TO
18 CAMP PENDLETON. IN FACT, AT ONE POINT, LINDA VISTA, OR
19 LV, WAS REFERRED TO AS LITTLE VIETNAM.

20 MANY VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS OF LINDA VISTA
21 MOVED NORTH TO MIRA MESA AS THEY OBTAINED HIGHER DEGREES
22 OF INCOME. THESE RESIDENTS WHO RELOCATE TO MIRA MESA
23 OFTEN MAINTAIN TIES TO LINDA VISTA, BECAUSE OF THEIR
24 CONNECTION TO COMMUNITY GROUPS, THEIR WORK, OR THEIR
25 BUSINESSES IN THE AREA.

1 FOR EXAMPLE, DURING MY TIME AT MIRA MESA
2 HIGH SCHOOL, FROM 1989 TO 1992, MANY OF MY CLASSMATES WERE
3 IN FACT LINDA VISTA RESIDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN A
4 VOLUNTEER PROGRAM AT SAN DIEGO CITY SCHOOLS ENTITLED VEEP,
5 OR VOLUNTEER ETHNIC ENROLLMENT PROGRAM, WHICH ALLOWED MANY
6 LINDA VISTA RESIDENTS TO ENROLL AT MIRA MESA HIGH SCHOOL.

7 THE LINKAGE BETWEEN THESE TWO COMMUNITIES
8 ALSO EXTENDS TO BOTH VIETNAMESE AND NONVIETNAMESE
9 MIRA MESA RESIDENTS WHO FREQUENT COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS IN
10 THE LINDA VISTA AREA, SUCH AS CHURCHES OR ETHNIC MARKETS.
11 FOR EXAMPLE, AFTER MOVING TO MIRA MESA, MANY VIETNAMESE
12 CATHOLICS CONTINUED TO ATTEND MASS AT THE HOLY FAMILY
13 CHURCH IN LINDA VISTA TO MAINTAIN THIS IMPORTANT
14 CONNECTION TO THEIR COMMUNITY.

15 THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS OF THE BUSINESS
16 CORRIDOR OF RESTAURANTS AND STORES ALONG CONVOY BOULEVARD
17 IN CLAIREMONT, EXTENDING DOWN TO LINDA VISTA, HAS LED MANY
18 FANS OF DIM SUNG, KOREAN BARBECUE, AND ASIAN GROCERIES TO
19 THE AREA. BUT THIS IS NOT A NEW PHENOMENON. SINCE THE
20 OPENING OF A VIETNAM RESTAURANT OR MARKET IN LINDA VISTA,
21 AN ETHNIC MARKET, MANY RESIDENTS OF MIRA MESA HAVE
22 RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO GO TO LINDA VISTA TO OBTAIN THESE
23 NECESSITIES.

24 LINDA VISTA IS NOT CURRENTLY DIVIDED BY TWO
25 ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS. TO ENSURE THAT COMMUNITIES OF

1 INTEREST ARE RESPECTED AND THAT THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN
2 COMMUNITY OF LINDA VISTA IS NOT CRACKED INTO MULTIPLE
3 DISTRICTS, WE URGE THAT YOU KEEP THE COMMUNITY WHOLE.
4 UNITE IT IN ONE DISTRICT.

5 GIVEN THE HISTORIC, CURRENT, AND GROWING TIES
6 BETWEEN LINDA VISTA AND MIRA MESA, WE URGE YOU, THOUGH, TO
7 KEEP LINDA VISTA AND MIRA MESA UNITED IN ONE DISTRICT. IN
8 FACT, EFFORTS TO KEEP THESE TWO COMMUNITIES TOGETHER GO
9 BACK TEN YEARS, WITH COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS EXPRESSING THESE
10 SIMILAR CONCERNS TO THIS ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE AND TO THE
11 SAN DIEGO CITY COUNCIL DURING THE 1991 REDISTRICTING
12 PROCESS.

13 IN SUMMARY, WE URGE YOU TO RESPECT THE
14 INTEGRITY OF COMMUNITIES OF MIRA MESA AND LINDA VISTA,
15 KEEPING THEM WHOLE AND UNITED IN ONE SINGLE ASSEMBLY
16 DISTRICT.

17 CAPAFR-SAN DIEGO'S PRIMARY CONCERN IS TO
18 PRESERVE THE SHARED INTEREST OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND TO
19 PROTECT THEM FROM BEING DIVIDED INTO MULTIPLE DISTRICTS.
20 WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THIS INPUT TO
21 DETERMINE WHETHER OUR COMMUNITIES AND SAN DIEGO'S
22 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST ARE AND TO KEEP THEM WHOLE.

23 WE ALSO URGE YOU CONSIDER OUR INPUT AND THE
24 INPUT OF OTHER LATINO AND AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES TO
25 GATHER THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO ENFORCE THE VOTING

1 RIGHTS ACT. WE'RE GRATEFUL TO THE COMMITTEE AND TO THE
2 LEGISLATURE FOR CONDUCTING THESE HEARINGS AND FOR
3 PROVIDING THE RESIDENTS OF SAN DIEGO WITH THIS INVALUABLE
4 OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE OUR KNOWLEDGE WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

5 MS. FENG: OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE DAN
6 ICHINOSE.

7 MR. ICHINOSE: I'D LIKE TO THANK THE
8 COMMITTEE FOR ALLOWING US TO SPEAK TODAY. MY NAME IS
9 DANIEL ICHINOSE, LAST NAME SPELLED I-C-H-I-N-O-S-E, AND
10 I'M RESEARCH COORDINATOR IN THE VOTING RIGHTS AND
11 ANTI-DISCRIMINATION UNIT AT THE ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN
12 LEGAL CENTER FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

13 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: EXCUSE ME, SIR. IS YOUR
14 MICROPHONE TURNED ON THERE? I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE CAN
15 HEAR YOU.

16 MR. ICHINOSE: I HOLD A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE
17 IN SOCIOLOGY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, AMHERST
18 WITH A CONCENTRATION IN RACIAL RELATIONS, RESEARCH
19 METHODOLOGY, AND QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS.

20 RESEARCH ANALYST NANCY YU AND I HAVE BEEN
21 SUPPORTING REGIONAL GROUPS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA IN THEIR
22 EFFORTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS BY
23 PROVIDING ANALYSIS AND MAPPING OF THE PERTINENT
24 DEMOGRAPHIC DATA.

25 I'D LIKE TO BRIEFLY ADDRESS SOME OF THE

1 TESTIMONY OF MS. RICASA-BAGAPORO AND MR. SY, INDICATING
2 HOW OUR ANALYSES AND THOSE OF OTHER RESEARCHERS SUPPORT
3 THEIR ARGUMENTS.

4 BOTH MS. RICASA-BAGAPORO AND MR. SY MADE
5 REFERENCE TO THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC COMPOSITIONS OF THEIR
6 COMMUNITIES. DATA FROM THE 2000 CENSUS PROVIDE US WITH
7 THE MOST ACCURATE MEASURE WE HAVE OF CALIFORNIA'S RACIAL
8 DIVERSITY. ACCORDING TO THIS DATA, THERE ARE NEARLY
9 4 MILLION ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICANS IN
10 CALIFORNIA.

11 ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICANS
12 CONSTITUTE NEARLY 13 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S TOTAL
13 POPULATION AND ARE THE FASTEST GROWING RACIAL GROUP SINCE
14 1990. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN SEE THE TABLE THAT'S UP
15 THERE.

16 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY, ASIAN AND PACIFIC
17 ISLANDER AMERICANS NUMBER NEARLY 285,000 AND MAKE UP OVER
18 10 PERCENT OF THAT COUNTY'S TOTAL POPULATION. SINCE 1990,
19 NO OTHER RACIAL GROUP IN THE COUNTY HAS GROWN AT SUCH A
20 RAPID PACE.

21 WHILE CENSUS 2000 DATA ON ETHNICITY WILL NOT
22 BE RELEASED UNTIL LATER THIS SUMMER, CENSUS DATA FROM 1990
23 SHOW THAT FILIPINO AMERICANS MAKE UP 48 PERCENT OF SAN
24 DIEGO'S ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN POPULATION.

25 A MAPPING OF CENSUS 2000 DATA FOR SAN DIEGO

1 COUNTY SHOWS SEVERAL CONCENTRATIONS OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC
2 ISLANDER AMERICANS. YOU CAN SEE THE MAP. I'M NOT SURE IF
3 IT'S LEGIBLE, BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE THAT IN FRONT OF YOU.

4 IN NORTHERN SAN DIEGO COUNTY, RANCHO
5 PENASQUITOS, MIRA MESA AND UNIVERSITY CITY HAVE HIGH
6 CONCENTRATIONS OF ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICANS.
7 IN CENTRAL SAN DIEGO, OUR COMMUNITIES ARE LOCATED IN LINDA
8 VISTA AND MID CITY. TO THE SOUTH, PARADISE HILLS,
9 NATIONAL CITY, CHULA VISTA, OTAY MESA WEST, AND NESTOR ARE
10 HOME TO MANY ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICANS.

11 I ALSO HAVE A TABLE THAT INCLUDES THE
12 DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR THOSE COMMUNITIES,
13 SPECIFICALLY.

14 BOTH MS. RICASA-BAGAPORO AND MR. SY HAVE
15 IDENTIFIED THE MILITARY AND MILITARY SERVICE AS ISSUES
16 THAT BIND COMMUNITIES IN THEIR AREAS. HISTORICALLY, THE
17 MILITARY HAS HAD A SIGNIFICANT PRESENCE THROUGHOUT
18 SAN DIEGO COUNTY. TODAY, THE COUNTY IS HOME TO NUMEROUS
19 MILITARY FACILITIES, FROM CAMP PENDLETON IN THE NORTH TO
20 CORONADO NAVAL BASE IN THE SOUTH.

21 CENSUS DATA FROM 1990 SHOW THAT OVER 16
22 PERCENT OF SAN DIEGO RESIDENTS 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
23 HAD SOME MILITARY SERVICE. ANALYSIS OF THOSE DATA
24 INDICATE THAT RESIDENTS IN THE AREAS OF BONITA, CHULA
25 VISTA, AND PARADISE HILLS, ARE MORE LIKELY THAN SAN DIEGO

1 COUNTY RESIDENTS GENERALLY TO HAVE SERVED IN THE
2 MILITARY. YOU CAN SEE THE DATA ON TABLE 3 THERE ON THE
3 OVERHEAD.

4 WHILE THE MILITARY HAS PRESENCE IN MANY
5 REGIONS THROUGHOUT SAN DIEGO COUNTY, THESE DATA SUPPORT
6 THE ASSERTION THAT RESIDENTS IN PARADISE HILLS, BONITA,
7 AND CHULA VISTA SHARE A COMMON RELATIONSHIP TO THE
8 MILITARY AND MILITARY SERVICE.

9 MS. RICASA-BAGAPORO NOTED THAT CRIME IS AN
10 ISSUE THAT BINDS COMMUNITIES IN THE SOUTH BAY. WHILE THE
11 SAN DIEGO REGION HAS SEEN A 53-PERCENT DECREASE IN ITS
12 CRIME RATE FROM 1990 TO 2000, CRIME REMAINS A SERIOUS
13 CONCERN FOR RESIDENTS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY. STATISTICS
14 MAINTAINED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, SUCH AS THE FBI
15 AND SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN
16 VIOLENT CRIME AND PROPERTY CRIME BECAUSE OF THE SEVERITY
17 OF THE FORMER. VIOLENT CRIMES INCLUDE MURDER, RAPE,
18 ROBBERY AND AGGRAVATED ASSAULT.

19 AN ANALYSIS OF THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF
20 THESE CRIMES SHOWS THAT THOSE IN THE SOUTH BAY ARE SUBJECT
21 TO GREATER RISK OF VICTIMIZATION THAN THOSE IN OTHER
22 AREAS. THE DATA IS ON TABLE 4.

23 ACCORDING TO CRIME DATA RELEASED BY THE
24 SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AND THE SAN DIEGO
25 POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2000, THE VIOLENT

1 CRIME RATE OF THE SOUTH BAY IS 16 PERCENT HIGHER THAN THAT
2 OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENERALLY. AND THE TABLE 4 LISTS THE
3 VIOLENT CRIME RATES FOR AREAS OF THE SOUTH BAY AS WELL AS
4 THAT OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY GENERALLY.

5 ACCORDING TO THESE DATA, VIOLENT CRIME RATES
6 IN THE SOUTH BAY RANGE FROM 4.2 TO 8.9 CRIMES PER ONE
7 THOUSAND RESIDENTS. RATES OF VIOLENT CRIME TO NATIONAL
8 CITY AND CHULA VISTA FALL WELL WITHIN THAT RANGE.
9 FURTHERMORE, VIOLENT CRIME RATES IN NATIONAL CITY AND
10 CHULA VISTA ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE IN THE SOUTH BAY IN THAT
11 THEY ARE EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THE VIOLENT CRIME RATE
12 OF SAN DIEGO IN GENERAL.

13 THEREFORE, DATA VIOLENT CRIME SUPPORT MS.
14 RICASA-BAGAPORO'S ASSERTIONS THAT NATIONAL CITY, CHULA
15 VISTA, AND OTHER COMMUNITIES IN SOUTH BAY SHARE SIMILAR
16 PATTERNS OF VIOLENT CRIME.

17 SO TO SUMMARIZE, THESE ARGUMENTS DEMONSTRATE
18 DEMOGRAPHIC SIMILARITIES BETWEEN PARADISE HILLS, NATIONAL
19 CITY, BONITA, AND CHULA VISTA AND CONNECT THEM WITH THE
20 LARGER SOUTH BAY COMMUNITY. RACE, MILITARY SERVICE, AND
21 CRIME CREATE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST IN THOSE AREAS WHOSE
22 INTEGRITY SHOULD BE RESPECTED IN THE ASSEMBLY'S
23 REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

24 WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH
25 YOU TODAY AND ASK THAT YOU STRONGLY CONSIDER THE EVIDENCE

1 SUBMITTED. THANK YOU.

2 MS. FENG: OUR NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE J.R.
3 CHANTENGCO.

4 MR. CHANTENGCO: THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND
5 DISTINGUISHED PANEL. MY NAME IS J.R. CHANTENGCO, AND I AM
6 TESTIFYING ON BEHALF OF, AGAIN, CAPAFR IN SAN DIEGO. I
7 FOUNDED THE TRIWEST GROUP, WHICH IS A COMMERCIAL REAL
8 ESTATE AND CONSULTING FIRM HERE IN SAN DIEGO. I ATTENDED
9 BOTH ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOL IN CHULA VISTA,
10 AND TODAY AM STILL A RESIDENT OF CHULA VISTA.

11 I AM A FORMER REPRESENTATIVE TO
12 ASSEMBLYMEMBER STEVE PEACE, CHULA VISTA, DISTRICT OFFICE.
13 THIS YEAR, I WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR DAVIS TO
14 THE CALIFORNIA HOUSING PARTNERSHIP CORPORATION.

15 IN ADDITION, I AM FOUNDING MEMBER AND BOARD
16 MEMBER OF THE ASIAN PACIFIC BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, THE
17 CHULA VISTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE,
18 AND FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY
19 COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS.

20 I HAVE ENCLOSED MY RESUME AND MY OTHER
21 AFFILIATIONS, FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

22 AGAIN, I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE WHAT MY
23 COLLEAGUES HAVE ALREADY SAID ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF
24 ENFORCING THE VOTERS RIGHTS ACTS, WHICH STATES THAT
25 CERTAIN ETHNIC COMMUNITIES SHOULD NOT BE SPLIT UP INTO

1 DIFFERENT DISTRICTS WITH THEIR VOTES GETTING DILUTED.

2 WE ARE VERY CONCERNED THAT THE IDEAL OF ONE
3 PERSON, ONE VOTE IS ACTUALLY REALIZED FOR THE ASIAN AND
4 PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN COMMUNITY, AND, LASTLY, WE WANT
5 YOU TO RESPECT OUR COMMUNITIES AND THE COMMUNITIES OF
6 INTEREST THAT EXIST IN THIS REGION AND THAT YOU DO NOT
7 SPLIT US UP INTO MULTIPLE DISTRICTS.

8 I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS MY OWN EXPERIENCE IN
9 THE SOUTH BAY. AS A SECOND GENERATION REALTOR, MY FAMILY
10 AND I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE SALE OF RESIDENTIAL AND
11 COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES FOR OVER 30 YEARS. I HAVE WITNESSED
12 A TREMENDOUS GROWTH OF THIS ENTIRE SOUTH BAY, WHICH
13 INCLUDES CHULA VISTA, BONITA, NATIONAL CITY, AND PARADISE
14 HILLS. THESE CITIES ARE CONSIDERED PART OF THE SAME
15 COMMUNITY, FOR SEVERAL REASONS.

16 FIRST IS INFRASTRUCTURE. COMMON SERVICES FOR
17 WATER, SEWER, UTILITIES, AND TRANSPORTATION UNIFY ALL
18 THESE CITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE SWEETWATER RESERVOIR,
19 THROUGH ITS WATER AUTHORITY AND THE OTAY WATER DISTRICT,
20 SERVE THE ENTIRE CHULA VISTA.

21 THE SAME HOLDS TRUE FOR OUR 600 MEGAWATT
22 POWER PLANT CALLED THE SOUTH BAY POWER PLANT, WHICH IS
23 OWNED BY DUKE AND SERVES BOTH CHULA VISTA AND THE ENTIRE
24 SOUTH BAY AND BUSINESSES.

25 ANOTHER REASON THESE COMMUNITIES ARE

1 CONSIDERED ONE COMMUNITY IS HOUSING. AS A FORMER BOARD
2 MEMBER OF THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS IN
3 CHULA VISTA, OUR BOARD OF REALTORS SAW THE HOUSING
4 PATTERNS IN WHICH WORKING FAMILIES HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO
5 PURCHASE HOMES THAT THEY COULD AFFORD AND WITH PUBLIC
6 AMENITIES THAT THEY COULD ENJOY AND SHARE IN THE SOUTH BAY.

7 OUR REALTOR BOARD REPRESENTS OVER 500 BROKERS
8 AND AGENTS THAT ARE LOCATED IN THE SOUTH BAY. WE
9 UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN A HOMEOWNER REFERS TO THE SOUTH BAY
10 AREA, HE OR SHE ALWAYS MEANS PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN
11 BONITA, CHULA VISTA, NATIONAL CITY, AND PARADISE HILLS.
12 AND THIS CAN BE SUPPORTED BY THE MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE
13 WHICH DELINEATES THE SOUTH BAY TO INCLUDE THESE AREAS OF
14 BONITA, CHULA VISTA, NATIONAL CITY, AND PARADISE HILLS, AS
15 ONE AREA.

16 I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU AN EXAMPLE,
17 MORE AN ANECDOTETAL EXAMPLE OF ONE MY CLIENTS WHO NOW
18 LIVES IN PARADISE HILLS. AN AVID GOLFER, HE COULD PLAY A
19 ROUND OF GOLF AT THE CHULA VISTA MUNI. BECAUSE THIS IS A
20 PUBLIC COURSE, HE HAS THE SAME PRIVILEGES AS ANY RESIDENT
21 OF CHULA VISTA, PLAYS THE BACK NINE IN BONITA PROPERTY,
22 AND, AS YOU CAN SEE, A SOUTH BAY RESIDENT CAN FULLY
23 UTILIZE THIS RESOURCE, BEING IN THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA.
24 DESPITE LIVING IN PARADISE HILLS, WHICH IS IN THE CITY OF
25 SAN DIEGO, AND WHILE WALKING THE BACK NINE, CROSSES INTO

1 THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, KNOWN
2 AS BONITA.

3 LASTLY, I MUST REEMPHASIZE THAT YOU MUST KEEP
4 OUR COMMUNITIES WHOLE. I FEEL THAT CHULA VISTA, INCLUDING
5 THE GROWING EASTERN PORTIONS SHOULD BE UNDER ONE DISTRICT,
6 WHICH IS THE 79TH, IN MY CASE.

7 I'LL GIVE YOU MY EXAMPLE. I RECENTLY MOVED
8 TO A HOME IN RANCHO DEL RAY, WHICH IS IN ONE OF THE
9 ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS IN CHULA VISTA, KNOWN AS THE 79TH.
10 PRIOR TO THAT, I USED TO LIVE IN THE EASTERN PART OF CHULA
11 VISTA, KNOWN AS THE COLLEGE ESTATES. THIS HAPPENED TO BE
12 LOCATED IN THE 77TH DISTRICT. IT SO HAPPENS THAT THIS
13 DISTRICT WAS SPLIT UP, CHULA VISTA. YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE
14 THE EASTERN PORTION, AND YOU HAVE THE WESTERN PORTION.
15 ONE OF THE REASONS I MOVED TO RANCHO DEL RAY WAS TO BE
16 ABLE TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS WITH
17 THE REPRESENTATIVE I FEEL WOULD BETTER REPRESENT MY NEEDS
18 IN SACRAMENTO, BECAUSE I FEEL CHULA VISTA IS WITHIN THAT
19 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.

20 I HOPE YOU CONSIDER MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY
21 TODAY, AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

22 MS. FENG: AND OUR FINAL SPEAKER WILL BE
23 MS. MARIE CRUZ.

24 MS. CRUZ: GOOD AFTERNOON AND THANK YOU FOR
25 ALLOWING ME TO BE HERE TODAY. MY NAME IS MARIE CRUZ,

1 C-R-U-Z. I AM A MEMBER OF THE COALITION OF THE ASIAN AND
2 PACIFIC AMERICANS FOR FAIR REDISTRICTING IN SAN DIEGO.
3 CURRENTLY, I AM EMPLOYED AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IN
4 A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY. I LIVE IN POINT LOMA. I GREW UP
5 IN SAN DIEGO IN THE FOURTH CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT, WHICH,
6 BY THE WAY, IS ALSO THE OLDEST APIA COMMUNITY IN SAN DIEGO
7 COUNTY. I CAME HERE FROM GUAM IN 1949. SO I GO DATING
8 MYSELF. ANYWAY, I CAME HERE THROUGH THE MILITARY BECAUSE
9 MY FATHER WAS IN THE NAVY.

10 I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDER
11 FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION, WHICH HOLDS AN ANNUAL FESTIVAL HERE
12 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. IT'S A CULTURAL FESTIVAL AND
13 ATTRACTS OVER 150,000 PEOPLE IN A TWO-DAY EVENT. I'VE
14 JUST RECENTLY BEEN REAPPOINTED TO THE SAN DIEGO MAYOR'S
15 ADVISORY COUNCIL, APIA ADVISORY COUNCIL. I SIT ON THE
16 BOARD FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE, HIS APIA COMMUNITY ADVISORY
17 BOARD. AND I ALSO AM A PART OF THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF
18 GUAM CLUB. THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT I
19 BELONG TO AS WELL AS THE POINT LOMA PENINSULA REPUBLICAN
20 WOMEN'S GROUP.

21 BUT, ANYWAY, I JUST WANTED TO TAKE THIS
22 OPPORTUNITY TO STATE MY SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLES THAT
23 HAVE BEEN ARTICULATED BY THOSE THAT PRECEDED ME. WE URGE
24 YOU TO ENFORCE THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT. DO NOT DIVIDE OUR
25 COMMUNITIES OR AFRICAN AMERICAN OR LATINO COMMUNITIES OR

1 OTHERWISE DILUTE OUR VOICES. WE ARE VERY CONCERNED THAT
2 THE IDEAL OF ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE IS ACTUALLY REALIZED FOR
3 THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN COMMUNITIES.

4 PLEASE ALLOW THE INPUT OF THE ASIAN AND
5 PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN LATINO AND AFRICAN AMERICAN
6 COMMUNITIES TO BE MEANINGFUL BY TRULY CONSIDERING IT WHEN
7 YOU REDRAW THE DISTRICT LINES.

8 THAT'S ABOUT ALL I'VE GOT TO SAY, BUT THANK
9 YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME THIS PRIVILEGE TODAY.

10 MS. FENG: THANK YOU. WE HAD ONE MORE
11 SPEAKER ON THE AGENDA, BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, SHE CAN'T JOIN
12 US AT THIS POINT. SO IF SHE'S ABLE TO JOIN LATER, SHE
13 WILL BE PROVIDING TESTIMONY DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT
14 PERIOD.

15 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
16 AND VICE CHAIR ASHBURN HAS A QUESTION.

17 MR. ASHBURN: MANY OF YOUR EARLIER SPEAKERS
18 REFERRED TO A DESIRE TO SEE EAST/WEST DISTRICTS RATHER
19 THAN THE CURRENT CONFIGURATION OF NORTH/SOUTH. I'VE
20 LISTENED CAREFULLY TO THE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY OF
21 INTERESTS THAT YOU'VE DESCRIBED.

22 DO YOU BELIEVE THAT EAST/WEST DISTRICTS BEST
23 SERVE THE INTERESTS THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO REPRESENT TO
24 US?

25 MS. FENG: I'M GOING TO ASK ARLIE AND LEVIN

1 TO COME UP BECAUSE I THINK THEY'RE BETTER ABLE TO
2 ARTICULATE THE LOCAL CONCERNS.

3 MR. ASHBURN:

4 MR. SY: I THINK WITH RESPECT TO THE NORTHERN
5 PARTS OF SAN DIEGO AND I KNOW THAT IN THE PUBLIC COMMENT
6 PERIOD THAT MY FRIENDS HERE FROM MIRA MESA WILL COMMENT ON
7 IT. I THINK MIRA MESA AS A COMMUNITY IS VERY MUCH
8 WELL-DEFINED BY THE PRINCIPLES THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED,
9 GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES, FREEWAYS. THERE'S A NATURAL
10 PRESERVE TO THE NORTH. SO IN THAT SENSE, IT IS VERY MUCH
11 AN EAST/WEST DISTRICT, IF YOU INCLUDE MIRA MESA IN ONE
12 DISTRICT.

13 MS. RICASA: AS WELL AS IN TERMS OF THE
14 SOUTH BAY AREA, THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS DID MENTION THE
15 INCLUSION OF BARIO LOGAN AS WELL AS PARADISE HILLS, AND
16 THAT DOES GO FROM EAST TO WEST AS WELL. THOUGH, WE DIDN'T
17 NECESSARILY TALK ABOUT THE BORDER REGION, PER SE, AND THE
18 INCLUSION ALL THE WAY THROUGH IMPERIAL VALLEY, BUT I
19 BELIEVE WE ARE VERY MUCH TALKING SIMILARLY IN TERMS OF
20 EAST/WEST.

21 MR. ASHBURN: THE DISTRIBUTED INFORMATION HAS
22 PERCENTAGES OF THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER POPULATION,
23 BUT IF YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THE MAP AND YOU TALK ABOUT MIRA
24 MESA AND LINDA VISTA AND PARADISE HILLS, WHICH IS THOSE
25 AREAS WHERE THE CONCENTRATION OF POPULATION OCCURS, IT

1 WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT IN CONFIGURING DISTRICTS, WE'RE
2 LOOKING AT A NORTH/SOUTH CONFIGURATION AND NOT AN
3 EAST/WEST. I'M WONDERING HOW YOU RECONCILE THAT IF AT THE
4 SAME TIME YOU'RE ADVOCATING FOR AN EAST/WEST ORIENTATION.

5 MS. FENG: MAYBE I CAN ANSWER THAT REALLY
6 QUICKLY.

7 WHEN WE CAME TOGETHER, ONE OF THE FACTORS
8 THAT WE LOOKED AT WAS, OBVIOUSLY, WHERE THE ASIAN AND
9 PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY WAS. HOWEVER, IN DISCUSSING
10 IT, I THINK WHAT CAME OUT WAS THAT PEOPLE RECOGNIZE THAT
11 IT DIDN'T NECESSARILY MAKE SENSE TO TRY TO STRING ALL OF
12 THE COMMUNITIES TOGETHER JUST BASED ON RACE. SO WHAT
13 PEOPLE HAVE DONE IS REALLY ARTICULATE REGIONAL INTERESTS
14 THAT IDENTIFY THOSE PARTICULAR COMMUNITIES, ONE OF THEM
15 BEING IN THE SOUTH BAY, AND THEN ONE OF THEM BEING LOMA
16 LINDA CONNECTED -- LOMA VISTA CONNECTED TO MIRA MESA.

17 MR. ASHBURN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: AND I WANT TO THANK THE
19 ENTIRE GROUP FOR COMING BEFORE US. I APPRECIATE IT. AND,
20 BY THE WAY, MS. RICASA, WE EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR YOU AND
21 YOUR HUSBAND ON YOUR IMPENDING NEW RESIDENT OF
22 CALIFORNIA. WE ONLY WISH THAT YOU HAD BEEN ABOUT A YEAR
23 OR SO EARLIER. IF EVERYBODY WHO IS HAVING A CHILD THIS
24 YEAR HAD HAD THEM LAST YEAR, WE'D HAVE ANOTHER
25 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

1 MS. RICASA: WELL, I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT, BUT
2 THANK YOU ANYWAY.

3 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: JUST REMEMBER THAT FOR
4 2009.

5 MS. RICASA: I'LL PASS THAT ON TO SOMEONE
6 ELSE. THANK YOU.

7 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THAT WOULD BE GREAT.
8 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ALWAYS LEARN NEW THINGS WHEN WE
9 HOLD THESE HEARINGS. I HAD NOT CONSIDERED THAT IN
10 REDISTRICTING, WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT COMMUNITIES OF
11 INTEREST THAT CONSIST OF 18 HOLES. HOWEVER, I NOW HAVE
12 THAT.

13 VICE CHAIR SUGGESTS WE MAY NEED TO DO A TOUR,
14 AN ON-SITE INSPECTION OF THE GOLF COURSE, JUST TO MAKE
15 SURE THE LINES ARE APPROPRIATE.

16 LET ME NOTE, BECAUSE THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF
17 COMMENTS ALREADY, DEALING WITH THE EXISTING LINES AND HOW
18 VARIOUS COMMUNITIES WERE SPLIT. I JUST WOULD NOTE THAT
19 THE EXISTING LINES WHICH WOULD SPLIT SOME COMMUNITIES OF
20 INTEREST IN WAYS THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT PARTICULARLY ENTHUSED
21 ABOUT WERE DRAWN BY THE COURT. THEY WERE NOT ACTUALLY
22 DRAWN BY THE LEGISLATURE. THEY WERE DRAWN BY THE COURT
23 TEN YEARS AGO. SO, JUST FOR THE RECORD, I NOTE THAT.

24 OUR NEXT GROUP OF WITNESSES -- AND I'M NOT
25 CERTAIN IF WE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE SHOWN UP OR

1 NOT, BUT WE MAY HAVE. THE GROUP FROM MALDEF, THE MEXICAN
2 AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND, DO WE HAVE SOME
3 REPRESENTATIVES THERE? WE DO. TERRIFIC. THANK YOU. AND
4 I'M SORRY I DIDN'T HAVE THE NAME AHEAD OF TIME.

5 MR. REYES: HELLO. MY NAME IS STEVE REYES.
6 I HAVE SOME SHORT REMARKS. I AM THE -- FIRST OF ALL,
7 THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE.

8 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: MR. REYES, CAN YOU SPELL
9 YOUR NAME.

10 MR. REYES: R-E-Y-E-S, STEVE.

11 I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT
12 MALDEF'S PERSPECTIVE ON THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY
13 REDISTRICTING. I'M THE VOTING RIGHTS ADVOCATE FROM
14 MALDEF, THE MEXICAN AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATOINAL
15 FUND, AS YOU MENTIONED. MALDEF IS A NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS
16 LAW FIRM THAT WORKS TO ENSURE EQUALITY UNDER THE LAWS FOR
17 THE LATINOS IN THE UNITED STATES. MALDEF HAS ADVOCATED
18 AND LITIGATED ON BEHALF OF CALIFORNIA LATINOS AND LATINOS
19 IN OTHER STATES IN THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS SINCE THE
20 1980S AND IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY SINCE THE 1960S.

21 THE GOAL OF MALDEF IN REDISTRICTING IS TO
22 ENSURE THAT LATINOS ARE PROVIDED WITH FAIR OPPORTUNITIES
23 TO ELECT CANDIDATES OF THEIR CHOICE THROUGH COMPLIANCE
24 WITH THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT TO PREVENT THE DILUTION OF
25 LATINO VOTING STRENGTH IN THE STATE AND THROUGH COMPLIANCE

1 WITH TRADITIONAL REDISTRICTING CRITERIA, WHICH INCLUDES
2 RESPECT FOR COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST.

3 WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST THE
4 COMMITTEE IN YOUR REDISTRICTING EFFORTS AND COMMEND YOU,
5 AS KATHAY FENG ALSO MENTIONED, ON ENABLING CALIFORNIA
6 RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS. AS YOU KNOW,
7 SUCH PUBLIC INPUT STRENGTHENS OUR DEMOCRACY.

8 ACCORDINGLY, TO PROVIDE SOME GREATER PUBLIC
9 PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROCESS THROUGH PUBLIC HEARINGS, WE
10 SUGGEST THAT PUBLIC HEARINGS ALSO BE HELD INTO THE
11 EVENINGS AND/OR WEEKENDS TO ALLOW FOR WORKING MEN AND
12 WOMEN TO HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS
13 PROCESS. I KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN, AS OF YET, SOME
14 UNSCHEDULED LOCATIONS AND TIMES FOR FUTURE HEARINGS.
15 HOPEFULLY, THIS WILL BE ONE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS.

16 FOR EXAMPLE, TODAY, AS AN EARLIER SPEAKER HAD
17 MENTIONED, THERE ARE SEVERAL COMPETING EVENTS WITH THE
18 HEARING TODAY. AMONG THEM IS A CHICANO FEDERATION EVENT
19 HELD HERE IN SAN DIEGO WHICH I BELIEVE SEVERAL MEMBERS ARE
20 GOING TO BE PARTICIPATING HERE AT THIS HEARING LATER ON IN
21 THE DAY.

22 I HAVE ONLY A FEW QUICK POINTS TO MAKE, AND
23 THOSE ARE IN REGARDS TO SOME OF THE RECENT LEGAL
24 DEVELOPMENTS AND SOME OF THE MISPERCEPTIONS THAT STILL MAY
25 BE OUT THERE UNFORTUNATELY REGARDING REDISTRICTING LAW.

1 THE FIRST IS IN FACT THAT THE VOTING RIGHTS
2 ACT, AS MANY SPEAKERS HAVE ARTICULATED, IS A VIABLE FORCE
3 IN THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE
4 VOTING RIGHTS ACT AND THROUGH PACKING OR FRACTURING OF
5 MINORITY COMMUNITIES WILL RESULT IN LIABILITY UNDER
6 SECTION 2 OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT. AND, CERTAINLY, THIS
7 IS SOMETHING WE WOULD LIKE TO AVOID AND I'M CERTAIN YOU
8 WOULD LIKE TO AVOID AT THE OUTSET AS WELL.

9 THE RECENT DECISION IN HUNT V. CROMARTIE,
10 ALSO BY THE U.S. SUPREME COURT -- I THINK THIS WAS ISSUED
11 APRIL 28TH, I BELIEVE -- IS AN IMPORTANT DECISION IN THAT
12 IT PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR YOUR REDISTRICTING EFFORTS AND
13 HAS SOME COMMENT ON THE USE OF RACE IN REDISTRICTING PLANS
14 AND PROVIDES A METHOD BY WHICH RACE CAN BE USED. IT
15 REAFFIRMS EXISTING REDISTRICTING LAW THAT HAS BEEN OUT
16 THERE, THAT RACE IS NOT A TABOO, FOUR-LETTER, FIGURATIVELY
17 SPEAKING, A FOUR-LETTER WORD IN A REDISTRICTING PROCESS.
18 IT WILL NOT BY ITSELF DOOM A PLAN. AS OTHERS HAVE
19 MENTIONED, THE USE OF RACE IN REDISTRICTING IS NECESSARY
20 TO DETERMINE AND ASSESS WHETHER COMPLIANCE WITH THE VOTING
21 RIGHTS ACT HAS BEEN IN FACT ACHIEVED.

22 SIMILARLY, IN ASSESSING COMMUNITY OF INTEREST
23 CONCERNS, THERE ARE SHARED CONCERNS, WHICH THROUGH --
24 WHICH HAVE, I SUPPOSE, THROUGH SOCIALIZATION PROCESSES OR
25 OTHER TYPES OF FORCES INVOLVED, CREATE A COMMON, SHARED

1 SET OF INTERESTS AND A POLITICAL AGENDA THAT CAN BE AND
2 SHOULD BE RESPECTED IN THE REDISTRICTING SITUATION, IN THE
3 REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

4 AS OTHERS HAVE MENTIONED, COMMUNITIES OF
5 INTEREST, AND AS YOU, YOURSELF, HAVE MENTIONED,
6 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST CAN INCLUDE THOSE SOCIOECONOMIC
7 FACTORS, CAN INCLUDE THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT A
8 CHILD MAY HAVE IN A CERTAIN DISTRICT AS OPPOSED TO
9 ANOTHER. AND AS THOSE TRANSLATE INTO SHARED POLITICAL
10 AGENDAS AND OTHER SHARED AGENDAS, THOSE COMMUNITIES SHOULD
11 BE RESPECTED.

12 LATER IN THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY PORTION OF THIS
13 HEARING, THERE WILL BE MEMBERS FROM THE COMMUNITY WHICH WE
14 HAVE WORKED WITH IN OUR VARIOUS OUTREACH WORKSHOPS TO HELP
15 THEM IDENTIFY THE -- HELP THESE COMMUNITY MEMBERS BECOME
16 IN TUNE TO THE NUANCES IN THE REDISTRICTING LAW, PROVIDE
17 THEM WITH THE LANGUAGE FROM WHICH THEY CAN USE TO IDENTIFY
18 THEIR OWN COMMUNITY OF INTEREST IN THE AREAS IN WHICH THEY
19 LIVE. I BELIEVE THERE ARE SEVERAL MEMBERS FROM CALEXIO
20 AND IMPERIAL COUNTY, IMPERIAL VALLEY, AS WELL AS SAN DIEGO
21 THAT WILL BE TESTIFYING IN THIS HEARING.

22 ONLY A FEW MORE COMMENTS. SOME OF -- AND
23 THESE COMMENTS ARE DIRECTED PARTICULARLY TO THE PROCESS
24 WHICH THE COMMITTEE HAS UNDERTAKEN. I KNOW THERE HAVE
25 BEEN SEVERAL HEARINGS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, THE

1 PAST FEW WEEKS IN PARTICULAR, REGARDING THE PROCESS BY
2 WHICH THE REDISTRICTING SHOULD TAKE PLACE AND GUIDELINES.

3 ONE OF MY CONCERNS CONTINUES TO BE THE ACCESS
4 TO ANY ADDITIONAL DATA THAT THE COMMITTEE USES IN
5 FORMULATING ITS REDISTRICTING PLANS. THIS SHOULD NOT BE
6 LIMITED TO ANY IGS DATA THAT HAS BEEN I THINK RECENTLY IN
7 THE LAST 24 HOURS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE, BUT SHOULD ALSO
8 INCLUDE ANY COMMUNITY OF INTEREST DATA. I UNDERSTAND
9 THERE IS PERHAPS A TAX ASSESSMENT DATABASE THAT MAY BE
10 USED IN THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

11 CERTAINLY IN THE SPIRIT OF OPENNESS, THAT YOU
12 HAVE STRIVED TO ACHIEVE HERE, THAT THOSE DATABASES AND ANY
13 OTHER SUCH DATABASES BE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR
14 DOWNLOAD.

15 ALSO, ONE SPECIFIC COMMENT I HAVE REGARDING
16 THE CRITERIA GUIDELINES -- I'M SORRY. THE GUIDELINES FOR
17 PUBLIC SUBMISSION OF PLANS. THE LAST CRITERIA LISTED,
18 AVOIDING UNNECESSARY VOTE DEFERRAL SHOULD BE REMOVED. I
19 THINK IT'S VERY UNNECESSARY. IT HAS NOT BEEN DIRECTLY
20 INCLUDED IN ANY OF THE PAST TRADITIONAL REDISTRICTING
21 CRITERIA THAT HAVE BEEN ARTICULATED IN PAST CALIFORNIA
22 CASES AND PAST NINTH CIRCUIT CASES, AND IT SHOULD NOT BE
23 ACCORDED THAT STATUS AS A TRADITIONAL REDISTRICTING
24 CRITERIA. I THINK THE NATURAL PRESSURES TO AVOID CREATING
25 A SITUATION ARE SUFFICIENT, THAT MIGHT LEAD TO AN

1 OVERABUNDANCE OF UNNECESSARY VOTE DEFERRALS, MIGHT BE
2 SOLVED IN AND OF THEMSELVES, ALONE, WITHOUT BEING ACCORDED
3 THAT SPECIAL STATUS.

4 DENISE HULETT, MALDEF'S NATIONAL
5 REDISTRICTING COORDINATOR, AMADIS VELEZ, OUR CALIFORNIA
6 REDISTRICTING COORDINATOR, WHO IS IN THE ROOM WITH ME
7 TODAY, AND I WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO ANSWER ANY
8 QUESTIONS YOU HAVE AND REITERATE OUR SUGGESTION, AGAIN,
9 THAT THESE HEARINGS BE EXTENDED TO HOURS THAT MAY BE
10 CONVENIENT TO MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PUBLIC. THANK YOU.

11 ONE MORE THING. I HAVE A SERIES OR A STACK
12 OF MANUALS THAT WE HAVE. SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE SEEN THESE
13 ALREADY. THEY'RE REDISTRICTING MANUALS THAT WE PRODUCED
14 IN COORDINATION AND WITH THE NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE FUND AND
15 THE ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LEGAL CENTER, AS WELL AS
16 MALDEF. I'LL LEAVE THEM WITH THE CLERK HERE, AS WELL AS A
17 COPY OF MY WRITTEN COMMENTS.

18 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
19 MR. REYES. WE APPRECIATE IT, AND I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOUR
20 COMMENTS. AND EARLIER IN YOUR REMARKS, YOU MADE REFERENCE
21 TO A RECENT CASE. I BELIEVE YOU'RE REFERRING TO HUNT VS.
22 CROMARTIE.

23 MR. REYES: EXACTLY.

24 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: OKAY. I WOULD JUST NOTE
25 A COUPLE THINGS FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE

1 AUDIENCE. THE REFERENCE WHICH MR. REYES MADE LATER IN HIS
2 REMARKS TO THE VOTE DEFERRAL STANDARD, OR VOTE DEFERRAL
3 QUESTION, THIS RELATES TO -- AS I MENTIONED EARLIER,
4 DISTRICTS ARE NUMBERED STARTING IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF
5 THE STATE, WITH THE FIRST DISTRICT, AND MOVING ON DOWN.

6 SENATE DISTRICTS, OF COURSE, ARE STAGGERED.
7 IN OTHER WORDS, HALF OF THEM ARE UP AT THE SAME TIME AS
8 GUBERNATORIAL ELECTIONS AND OTHER HALF OF THEM ARE UP AT
9 THE SAME TIME AS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. SO ODD NUMBERED
10 DISTRICTS WILL BE UP AT THE SAME TIME AS THE PRESIDENTIAL
11 RACES. EVEN NUMBERED DISTRICTS AT THE SAME TIME AS THE
12 GRUBANATORIAL RACES.

13 AND IT HAS BEEN THE CASE ON OCCASION THAT IN
14 DOING THE REDISTRICTING, IT ENDS UP THAT A PARTICULAR
15 PART -- AND IN FACT IT'S ALMOST ENEVITABLE IT WILL HAPPEN
16 IN SOME CASES -- A PARTICULAR PART OF A DISTRICT, SINCE IT
17 IS MOVED FROM ONE DISTRICT TO ANOTHER, A GROUP OF CITIZENS
18 FIND THEMSELVES IN AN AREA WHERE THEY WERE IN ONE NUMBER
19 AND NOW THEY'RE IN A NEW NUMBER THAT'S EVEN ODD OR EVEN,
20 THE REVERSE, AND SO THEY CAN ACTUALLY GO INSTEAD OF FOUR
21 YEARS BETWEEN VOTING ON THEIR STATE SENATOR, THEY CAN GO
22 TWO YEARS OR SIX YEARS BECAUSE THAT SECTION FALLS INTO AN
23 AREA WHICH IS NOW ALIGNED WITH A DISTRICT WITH ANOTHER
24 KIND OF NUMBER.

25 AND SO THE VOTE DEFERRAL REFERS TO WHERE

1 SOMEONE IS, IN ESSENCE, FOR TWO YEARS THEIR POWER TO VOTE
2 FOR A STATE SENATOR IS DEFERRED. THAT'S THE REFERENCE
3 THERE.

4 IF I CAN ADD AN ADDITIONAL NOTE, I'LL JUST
5 POINT OUT ON THE HUNT/CROMARTIE DECISION, WHICH SHEDS SOME
6 ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON PROCEDURES, IT WOULD HAVE SHED MORE
7 LIGHT FOR US IF IT HADN'T BEEN A FIVE, FOUR DECISION WITH
8 THE SWING VOTE BEING SOMEONE WHO HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED A
9 DESIRE TO RESIGN SOON AND WITH THE EXISTING PRESIDENT
10 HAVING INDICATED REPEATEDLY THAT THE KIND OF JUDGES HE
11 EXPECTS TO APPOINT WILL BE, AND HE CITES EXAMPLES, FROM
12 AMONG THE FOUR WHO ARE IN THE MINORITY.

13 MR. REYES: I RESPECT THAT VIEW. HOWEVER,
14 WE MUST PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE CURRENT STATE OF
15 THE LAWS THAT EXIST NOW.

16 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: OF COURSE.

17 MR. REYES: AND REALLY NOT ENGAGE IN THAT
18 TYPE OF SPECULATION THAT MIGHT LIMIT THE LEGISLATORS'
19 ACTIVITIES.

20 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY
21 RIGHT. I ONLY NOTE THAT WE HAVE TO BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL
22 HOW WE DO THIS BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT COURT WILL BE
23 REVIEWING THE DECISIONS THAT ARE REACHED THIS YEAR,
24 CANDIDLY. AS YOU SAID, WE MUST FOLLOW WHAT THE RULES ARE
25 TODAY. AND YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

1 THE NEXT PERSON WHO HAS INDICATED A DESIRE TO
2 SPEAK ON OUR SCHEDULE, MR. RON OBERNDORFER FROM THE NEW
3 DEMOCRATS OF EAST COUNTY. DO I HAVE THAT CORRECT?
4 MR. OBERNDORFER: YES, YOU DO.
5 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: MR. OBERNDORFER, DO WE
6 HAVE CORRECT HERE YOUR SPELLING OF YOUR LAST NAME AS
7 O-B-E-R-N-D-O-R-F-E-R?
8 MR. OBERNDORFER: THAT'S CORRECT.
9 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
10 THE MICROPHONE IS YOURS.
11 MR. OBERNDORFER: THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN
12 LONGVILLE AND ASSEMBLYMEMBERS. I DO HAVE WITH ME SOME
13 REDISTRICTING MAPS AND DOCUMENTS THAT I'D LIKE TO PROVIDE
14 FOR THE RECORD AND FOR THE COMMITTEE'S PERUSAL. AND I CAN
15 GIVE THOSE TO THE CLERK NOW.
16 THEY ALSO CONTAIN MR. BARKACS' STATEMENT,
17 WHICH I'M GOING TO READ INTO THE RECORD. AND THEN I WILL
18 READ MY OWN STATEMENT AS WELL.
19 "MY NAME IS CRAIG BARKACS. I WAS THE
20 DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS AGAINST DUNCAN HUNTER
21 LAST NOVEMBER IN CALIFORNIA'S 52ND CONGRESSIONAL
22 DISTRICT. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR CONDUCTING
23 THESE HEARINGS ON REDISTRICTING. ALL OF US APPRECIATE
24 YOUR WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN TO WHAT IS ON THE MINDS OF THE
25 VOTERS. I AM HERE TODAY REPRESENTING A GROUP CALLED

1 NDEC. THAT STANDS FOR NEW DEMOCRATS OF EAST COUNTY.

2 NOW, SOME OF YOU MAY THINK WHAT'S NEW IS TO
3 FIND OUT THAT THERE ARE INDEED DEMOCRATS IN EAST COUNTY.
4 I ASSURE YOU THAT THERE ARE.

5 AS CONCERNED CITIZENS, WE ASK THAT WHERE
6 POSSIBLE YOUR COMMITTEE DRAW DISTRICTS WITH FOUR THINGS IN
7 MIND: COMPETITION, OPPORTUNITY, PARTICIPATION, AND
8 CHOICE.

9 DISTRICTS THAT PROMOTE COMPETITION,
10 OPPORTUNITY, PARTICIPATION, AND CHOICE TRULY ARE IN THE
11 BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC. COMPETITION, OF COURSE, IS
12 THE KEY. WE LIVE IN A SOCIETY THAT THRIVES ON COMPETITION
13 AND ONE THAT IS NOT WELL SERVED IN ITS ABSENCE. WITHOUT
14 COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS, OUR POLITICAL PROCESS SUFFERS. A
15 LACK OF COMPETITION BREEDS COMPLACENCY, MEDIOCRITY, AND
16 EXTREMISM. WITH COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS COMES OPPORTUNITY,
17 PARTICIPATION, AND CHOICE.

18 OUR ORGANIZATION, NDEC, FULLY UNDERSTANDS
19 THAT CERTAIN REGIONS ARE GOING TO LEAN HEAVILY TOWARD ONE
20 PARTY OR THE OTHER, NO MATTER HOW DISTRICT LINES ARE
21 DRAWN. THAT, HOWEVER, DOES NOT HAVE TO BE THE CASE, NOR
22 SHOULD IT BE THE CASE FOR VOTERS IN EAST SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

23 POLITICAL PARTIES ARE PROPERLY RECOGNIZED AS
24 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST FOR PURPOSES OF DRAWING DISTRICT
25 LINES. DIALOGUE AND DEBATE CANNOT EXIST WHERE ONLY ONE

1 PARTY SPEAKS. FOR TOO LONG, THE VOICES OF DEMOCRATS IN
2 EAST COUNTY HAVE NOT BEEN HEARD. WE ARE ASKING YOU TO
3 DRAW COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS SO WE WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
4 TO ENHANCE AND ENRICH THE POLITICAL DIALOGUE AND DEBATE IN
5 EAST COUNTY.

6 COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS FOSTER INCREASED PUBLIC
7 PARTICIPATION. ELECTIONS THAT ARE SEEN AS FOREGONE
8 CONCLUSIONS DO LITTLE TO INSPIRE OR MOTIVATE PUBLIC
9 PARTICIPATION.

10 ON THE OTHER HAND, NOTHING TURNS OUT
11 VOLUNTEERS AND VOTERS LIKE A CLOSE RACE. WITH A CLOSE
12 RACE, THE PUBLIC IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED AND PEOPLE HAVE A
13 MUCH GREATER APPRECIATION FOR HOW THEIR VOTE REALLY DOES
14 COUNT.

15 COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS GIVE VOTERS A REAL
16 CHOICE. WE ARE ALL AWARE OF RACES WHERE INCUMBENTS HAVE
17 RUN UNOPPOSED OR PERHAPS HAVE FACED ONLY NOMINAL
18 CHALLENGES. COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS HAVE A MUCH GREATER
19 LIKELIHOOD OF ATTRACTING MORE THAN ONE CREDIBLE CANDIDATE,
20 WHICH IN TURN PROVIDES VOTERS WITH A REAL CHOICE.

21 OUR ORGANIZATION, NDEC, HAS PREPARED MAPS FOR
22 ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY TO SHOW THAT COMPETITIVE
23 DISTRICTS ARE POSSIBLE IN EAST SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

24 WE WOULD ALSO LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT WE FAVOR
25 LINKING IMPERIAL COUNTY WITH EAST SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE

1 COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS BETWEEN EAST SAN DIEGO COUNTY AS IT
2 RELATES TO BORDER ISSUES, THE EAST/WEST RAILROAD, AND A
3 NUMBER OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT INCLUDE BOTH COUNTIES
4 IS READILY APPARENT.

5 ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
6 SPEAK, AND WE ASK YOU TO REMEMBER COMPETITION IN OUR
7 DISTRICTS CREATE OPPORTUNITIES THAT INVITE PARTICIPATION
8 AND MEANINGFUL CHOICES."

9 THAT CONCLUDES MR. BARKACS' PREPARED
10 COMMENTS.

11 I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE OBSERVATION THAT
12 FROM AN EAST COUNTY RESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE, LISTENING TO
13 ALL THE PRIOR TESTIMONY, THAT OUR INTERESTS RUN VERY
14 SIMILAR TO THOSE OF SOUTH COUNTY IN CREATING EAST/WEST
15 CORRIDORS WITH MAYBE A FLAG APPROACH ALONG THE COASTAL
16 REGIONS. AND THAT WOULD BE READILY APPARENT FROM THE MAPS
17 THAT WE'VE PROVIDED THE COMMITTEE.

18 AND MY STATEMENT, MY NAME IS RON
19 OBERNDORFER. I AM A RESIDENT OF EL CAJON. A COPY OF MY
20 CONDENSED RESUME, WHICH INCLUDES A BRIEF LIST OF MY
21 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENTS, HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR THE RECORD.
22 I AM IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY
23 CHAMBER -- EAST SAN DIEGO COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I
24 ALSO SERVE ON THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF THE GROSSMONT
25 HOSPITAL CORPORATION, THE OLAF WIEGHORST MUSEUM

1 FOUNDATION, AND THE WELLNESS COMMUNITY OF SAN DIEGO.

2 ONLY WITHIN THE LAST YEAR HAVE I BECOME
3 ACTIVE IN EAST COUNTY DEMOCRATIC POLITICS, PROMPTED BY
4 CRAIG BARKACS' HEROIC CAMPAIGN FOR THE 52ND CONGRESSIONAL
5 DISTRICT SEAT. AS A RESULT OF THAT EXPERIENCE, IT HAS
6 BECOME MY DREAM TO SEE REDISTRICTING RESULT IN THE
7 CREATION OF MORE COMPETITIVE CONGRESSIONAL STATE SENATE
8 AND ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS.

9 IT IS AXIOMATIC, A NATURAL LAW, THAT
10 COMPETITIVENESS BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN BOTH PEOPLE AND
11 INSTITUTIONS. I HAVE OBSERVED THAT THE CONVERSE IS TRUE.
12 A LACK OF COMPETITION IN THE POLITICAL ARENA RESULTS IN
13 WEAK OR INEFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE
14 IN EAST SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

15 TAKE FORMER ASSEMBLYMAN STEVE BALDWIN, FOR
16 EXAMPLE. HE WAS UNABASHEDLY REACTIONARY, YET, HE SERVED
17 THE LEGAL MAXIMUM OF THREE FULL TERMS IN THE STATE
18 ASSEMBLY. HE OPENLY ADMITTED TO BEING MARGINALIZED IN
19 SACRAMENTO. STEVE IS EAST COUNTY'S POSTER CHILD FOR
20 FAILED LEADERSHIP ARISING OUT OF A NONCOMPETITIVE DISTRICT.

21 OUR 52ND AND 77TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS HAVE
22 BEEN NONCOMPETITIVE FOR MANY YEARS. I AM HERE BECAUSE I
23 CAN SEE AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE THE COMPLEXION OF THESE
24 DISTRICTS, RATHER THAN HAVING TO ENDURE THE NEARLY
25 AUTOMATIC REELECTION OF INCUMBENTS FOR YEARS TO COME.

1 YOU HAVE MAPS TO SHOW THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO
2 MAKE THE 52ND CONGRESSIONAL AND THE 77TH ASSEMBLY
3 DISTRICTS COMPETITIVE. PLEASE CONSIDER THEM.

4 AND, AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR PERMITTING ME TO
5 VOICE MY VIEWS AT THIS HEARING.

6 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE
7 APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING THE TIME TO BE HERE, MR.
8 OBERNDORFER. I ASSUME YOU'VE PROVIDED COPIES OF BOTH THE
9 WRITTEN STATEMENTS TO THE STAFF SO THAT THEY CAN PUT THEM
10 IN THE RECORD.

11 MR. OBERNDORFER: RIGHT. I HAVE PROVIDED MR.
12 BARKACS'. I'LL PROVIDE MINE NOW.

13 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14 MR. OBERNDORFER: THANK YOU, MR. LONGVILLE.

15 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: WE NEXT HAVE A
16 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SAN DIEGO IMPERIAL COUNTY'S LABOR
17 COUNCIL, MR. DONALD COHEN, I BELIEVE.

18 MR. COHEN, UNFORTUNATELY, HAD TO LEAVE
19 ALREADY AND IS SUBMITTING HIS WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR THE
20 RECORD. THEN I WOULD ASK IF JESS DURFEE, 76TH ASSEMBLY
21 CHAIR OF THE SAN DIEGO DEMOCRATIC CLUB IS PRESENT.

22 AND IF YOU COULD GO AHEAD, FOR THE RECORD,
23 SPELL YOUR NAME AND ALSO IF THE SECOND GENTLEMAN CAN ALSO
24 GIVE HIS NAME AND AFFILIATION, ASSUMING IT'S THE SAME, AS
25 WELL.

1 MR. DURFEE: OKAY. THANK YOU. MY NAME IS
2 JESS DERFY. IT IS CORRECTLY SPELLED ON THE, AGENDA. THE
3 LAST NAME IS D-U-R-F-E-E. AND I HAVE WITH ME KEVIN DAVIS,
4 ALSO WITH THE SAN DIEGO DEMOCRATIC CLUB. I THINK KEVIN
5 DAVIS IS ONE OF THOSE NAMES THAT FALL INTO THAT CATEGORY
6 OF SMITH.

7 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: DURING THIS PARTICULAR
8 PERIOD OF TIME, I THINK DAVIS IS WELL KNOWN.

9 MR. DURFEE: OKAY. GOOD. THAT'S TRUE.

10 WE COME BEFORE YOU TODAY REPRESENTING THE
11 MEMBERS OF THE SAN DIEGO DEMOCRATIC CLUB WHICH HAS A
12 26-YEAR HISTORY OF FIGHTING FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL,
13 AND TRANSGENDERED RIGHTS HERE IN SAN DIEGO.

14 AS WE COME BEFORE YOU, WE WOULD LIKE TO
15 PRESENT SOME THINGS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER AS YOU REDRAW THE
16 VARIOUS LINES OF THE -- THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS, RATHER, FOR
17 THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS.

18 FIRST OF ALL, WE ASK THAT YOU RECOGNIZE OUR
19 LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDERED COMMUNITY AS A
20 COMMUNITY OF INTEREST, AND ACCORDINGLY CHANGE EXISTING
21 DISTRICTS TO ACCOMMODATE OUR COMMUNITY AND TO UNITE OUR
22 COMMUNITY.

23 WE HAVE PROVIDED MAPS -- OR KEVIN WILL BE
24 PROVIDING A MAP AND SOME STATISTICAL INFORMATION
25 IDENTIFYING WHERE WE BELIEVE THE GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY

1 IS MOST CONCENTRATED.

2 UNFORTUNATELY, WE AS A COMMUNITY ARE AT A
3 STATISTICAL DISADVANTAGE SINCE WE ARE NOT IDENTIFIED
4 THROUGH THE CENSUS INFORMATION COLLECTION PROCESS. SO
5 WHAT WE'VE DONE IS THROUGH OUR OWN RESOURCES DONE THE BEST
6 WE CAN TO COME UP WITH INFORMATION THAT WAS ABLE TO -- SO
7 THAT WE WERE ABLE TO DEDUCE WHERE THE CONCENTRATION OF OUR
8 COMMUNITY IS IN SAN DIEGO.

9 AND SO WE ALSO ASK THAT YOU CAREFULLY AND
10 FAIRLY CONSIDER THAT DATA WHICH WE'VE COMPILED IN ORDER TO
11 IDENTIFY THE CENSUS TRACTS WHERE WE BELIEVE OUR COMMUNITY
12 IS MOST CONCENTRATED.

13 SO WITH THAT, BEFORE I CONTINUE SPEAKING, I'M
14 GOING TO ASK KEVIN TO SHARE HIS INFORMATION AND TALK ABOUT
15 HOW WE CAME UP WITH THE INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE.

16 MR. DAVIS: HI. MY NAME IS KEVIN DAVIS.
17 THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. I
18 HAVE A MAP THAT I WILL BE PROVIDING TO YOU THAT IDENTIFIES
19 THE CENSUS TRACTS WITH A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF GLBT
20 PEOPLE. WE COMPILED THAT WITH INFORMATION FROM VOTING
21 REGISTRATION DRIVES, FROM MAILING LISTS, AND FROM VOTING
22 RECORDS THAT WE HAVE THROUGH THE RESOURCES OF OUR CLUB.

23 AND SO WE'VE IDENTIFIED THESE CENSUS TRACTS,
24 AND ABOUT HALF OF THEM FALL WITHIN THE 76 ASSEMBLY
25 DISTRICT, AND THE OTHER HALF FALL BELOW THE SOUTHERN

1 BOUNDARY OF THE 76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT. AND THEY FALL
2 MOSTLY IN THE 78TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT WITH A FEW FALLING IN
3 THE 79TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.

4 BASICALLY, UNIVERSITY AVENUE IS THE SOUTHERN
5 EDGE OF THE 76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, AND THAT IS THE KEY
6 ROAD THAT GOES THROUGH THE COMMUNITIES OF HILLCREST AND
7 NORTH PARK, WHICH ARE HEAVILY CONCENTRATED WITH GLBT
8 PEOPLE. SO IT'S REALLY UNFORTUNATE THAT THAT IS THE
9 SOUTHERN BOUNDARY, BECAUSE IT SPLITS THE COMMUNITIES OF
10 NORTH PARK AND HILLCREST.

11 I WOULD ASK THAT IN ANY FUTURE REDISTRICTING
12 EFFORT THAT THE BOUNDARY BE DRAWN A LITTLE BIT FURTHER
13 SOUTH SO THAT THE GLBT COMMUNITY CAN BE IDENTIFIED IN ONE
14 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.

15 MR. DURFEE: THANK YOU, KEVIN. AS KEVIN
16 SAID, THE GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY IS DIVIDED BY THIS
17 UNNATURAL LINE ON UNIVERSITY AVENUE. UNIVERSITY AVENUE OR
18 THE LINE BETWEEN THE 78TH AND THE 76TH THERE ALONG
19 UNIVERSITY AVENUE NOT ONLY SEPARATES OUR COMMUNITY, BUT IT
20 ALSO SEPARATES AN AREA OF SAN DIEGO THAT IS UNITED AS A
21 COMMON AREA OF OLDER URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS. HILLCREST AND
22 NORTH PARK, TWO OF SAN DIEGO'S MOST VIBRANT OLDER URBAN
23 VILLAGES ARE CUT RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE BY THE EXISTING
24 LINE ON UNIVERSITY AVENUE.

25 UNIVERSITY AVENUE SERVES BASICALLY THE

1 LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDERED COMMUNITY, AS
2 OUR MAIN STREET, AND IT IS OUR BUSINESS DISTRICT. AND OUR
3 RESIDENTIAL AREAS ARE ON BOTH THE NORTH SIDE AND THE SOUTH
4 SIDE OF THAT LINE. AND BY VIRTUE OF THAT, OUR COMMUNITY
5 IS DIVIDED BETWEEN THE 76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT AND THE 78TH
6 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT AND SO ARE THE COMMUNITIES OF HILLCREST
7 AND NORTH PARK AND SOME OTHERS.

8 COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS, BUSINESS DISTRICTS,
9 PLANNING DISTRICTS, POLICING PRECINCTS, AND OTHER UNIFYING
10 ENTITIES ARE AT ODDS WITH THE CURRENT BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE
11 76TH AND 78TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT LINES.

12 FOR NOW, SOME OF US -- AND I SAY SOME OF US,
13 BECAUSE I HAPPEN TO BE ONE THAT LIVES ON THE NORTH SIDE OF
14 UNIVERSITY AVENUE -- ARE FORTUNATE TO BE REPRESENTED BY
15 ASSEMBLYMEMBER CHRISTINE KEHOE, BUT WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT
16 AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE, WE MAY FIND OURSELVES WITHOUT
17 SUCH A GIFTED CANDIDATE AND THEREFORE A GIFTED
18 ASSEMBLYMEMBER.

19 THEREFORE, WE URGE YOU TO REUNITE OUR
20 COMMUNITY INTO ONE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT AND AT THE SAME TIME
21 ALSO CONSIDER OUR REQUEST WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT STATE
22 SENATE DISTRICTS AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT LINES.

23 FAILURE TO DO SO WOULD DIVIDE AND WEAKEN THE
24 LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDERED COMMUNITY IN OUR
25 QUEST FOR FULL AND EQUAL REPRESENTATION AT THE STATE

1 LEVEL.

2 SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR CONSIDERING OUR

3 REQUEST.

4 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR

5 TAKING THE TIME TO COME BEFORE US AND GIVE US THIS

6 INFORMATION. WE APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH.

7 AND I BELIEVE THAT CONCLUDES THE LIST OF

8 THOSE PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED -- EXCUSE ME. I'M

9 SORRY. NO, IT DOESN'T. I HAVE ONE MORE. WE'RE ALMOST AT

10 THE END, BUT NOT QUITE AT THE END OF THE SCHEDULED

11 WITNESSES. I HAVE ONE ADDITIONAL SCHEDULED WITNESS, AND

12 THEN WE'RE GOING TO HEAR THE PEOPLE WHO SIGNED UP AT THE

13 EVENT TODAY.

14 THE LAST WITNESS WHO HAD BEEN SCHEDULED IN

15 ADVANCE IS FROM THE MARTIN LUTHER KING DEMOCRATIC CLUB,

16 MR. DUANE CRENSHAW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR.

17 MR. CRENSHAW: THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE,

18 AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. AGAIN, DWAYNE CRENSHAW,

19 VICE-PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE MARTIN LUTHER

20 KING DEMOCRATIC CLUB.

21 I FIND IT INTERESTING AS WELL THAT SOME OF

22 THE OTHER SPEAKERS HAVE COMMENTED THAT THERE REALLY SEEMS

23 TO BE A THEME, AND I THINK IT'S IN FACT COINCIDENTAL BUT

24 LOGICAL, BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT SAT DOWN AND SPOKEN, BUT THE

25 EAST/WEST COMMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN REITERATED OVER AND OVER

1 AGAIN MAKE A GREAT DEAL OF SENSE FOR ALL THE DIFFERENT
2 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

3 CURRENTLY, THE MARTIN LUTHER KING MEMBERSHIP
4 IS DIVIDED BETWEEN TWO DISTRICTS, THE 77TH AND THE 79TH
5 ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS, AND THAT IS OUR PRIMARY INTEREST AS AN
6 ORGANIZATION.

7 THE CURRENT ALIGNMENT, AS CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE
8 HAS POINTED OUT, DONE BY THE COURTS, AND WE WOULD SAY
9 RATHER POORLY, DOES NOT DO A GOOD JOB OF KEEPING
10 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST TOGETHER. FIRST, IT DIVIDES
11 NATURAL COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST: CHULA VISTA,
12 SOUTHEASTERN SAN DIEGO, SOUTH BAY COMMUNITIES, AND THE
13 BORDER REGION ARE CURRENTLY DIVIDED. YOU'VE HEARD THAT
14 TODAY.

15 SECOND, IT DIVIDES RACIAL COMMUNITIES OF
16 INTEREST. BOTH THE AFRICAN AMERICAN, LATINO, AND THE
17 ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITIES ARE DIVIDED. OF
18 PARTICULAR CONCERN IS THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY BEING
19 SPLIT LITERALLY IN HALF BETWEEN THE 79TH AND 77TH. WE ARE
20 ALSO PLEASED BY THE RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISION AND WE
21 TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE CHAIRMAN'S RIGHTFUL CONCERNS,
22 BUT THAT WE DO WANT THIS RACIAL CONSIDERATION TO BE AN
23 IMPORTANT FACTOR.

24 THIRDLY, IT FALLS INTO THE COMMUNITIES BEING
25 CURRENTLY DIVIDED IDEOLOGICALLY IN TERMS OF PARTY

1 AFFILIATION. THE SUPREME COURT SAID THAT MUST BE A FACTOR
2 WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE RACIAL CONSIDERATIONS. WE THINK WE
3 CAN DO BETTER IN THIS REDISTRICTING PROCESS, AND WE THANK
4 YOU FOR COMING TO SAN DIEGO TO HEAR OUR TESTIMONY.

5 ONE OF THE SOLUTIONS THAT THE MARTIN LUTHER
6 KING DEMOCRATIC CLUB, AGAIN, SUPPORTS STRONGLY, IS AN
7 EAST/WEST ALIGNMENT. AND YOU'VE HEARD THAT OVER AND OVER
8 AGAIN, BEGINNING WITH FORMER ASSEMBLYMEMBER DUCHENY AND
9 SEVERAL OF THE OTHER SPEAKERS.

10 WHAT THAT WOULD ENTAIL IN ROUGH OUTLINE --
11 AND WE WILL SUBMIT A WRITTEN PROPOSAL TO THE COMMITTEE AND
12 WE APPRECIATE YOUR ACCEPTING THOSE. BUT THAT THE 79TH,
13 AGAIN, WOULD RUN EAST TO WEST FROM COAST TO THE ARIZONA
14 BORDER, AS MANY OF THE SPEAKERS HAVE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED
15 AND WOULD INCLUDE THE COMMUNITIES ENTIRELY OF NATIONAL
16 CITY, THE ENTIRE AREA OF CHULA VISTA, THE UNINCORPORATED
17 AREA OF BONITA, AND ALSO TAKING IN THE BARIO LOGAN AREA.
18 OBVIOUSLY, THE BORDER WOULD BE THE SOUTHERN REGION,
19 ARIZONA TO THE EAST. WE SUGGEST FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
20 THAT THE HIGHWAY 54 TO THE NORTH AND AGAIN THE COAST TO
21 THE WEST.

22 FOR THE 77TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, WHICH, AGAIN,
23 DIVIDES THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN PARTICULAR AND
24 THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY AS WELL, THAT
25 THOSE BOUNDARIES ALSO BE GROUPED TOGETHER: LEMON GROVE,

1 SPRING VALLEY, SOUTHEASTERN SAN DIEGO COMMUNITIES, WHICH
2 LOCALLY MOST OF US REFER TO AS THE FOURTH CITY COUNCIL
3 DISTRICT, AND THAT THOSE BOUNDARIES WOULD ROUGHLY BE THE
4 94 FREEWAY TO THE NORTH WITH SOME VARIATION TO UNIVERSITY
5 AREA, THE 94 FREEWAY, ALTHOUGH IT RUNS EAST/WEST, AS THOSE
6 OF US LOCALLY KNOW TAKES A NORTH/SOUTH TURN, THAT THAT
7 WOULD BE THE EASTERN BOUNDARY. THE 54TH, OF COURSE, BE
8 THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY, AND THAT THE 15 FREEWAY WOULD BE
9 THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THAT DISTRICT.

10 WE BELIEVE THOSE WOULD UNITE THE AFRICAN
11 AMERICAN COMMUNITIES, WOULD UNITE PORTIONS OF THE ASIAN
12 AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY, WOULD MAKE A STRONG LATINO
13 DISTRICT AND REPRESENTATION AS WELL ALONG THE BORDER
14 REGION AND THE SOUTH BAY COMMUNITIES AND WOULD VERY WELL
15 REPRESENT WHAT ONE PREVIOUS SPEAKER RECENTLY MENTIONED,
16 CREATING A COMPETITIVE 77TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, MAINTAINING
17 A SOLID 79TH DISTRICT, AND WOULD VERY WELL REPRESENT ALL
18 THE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE SPOKEN BEFORE ME TODAY. AND I'M
19 PLEASED THAT WE SEEM TO BE IN AGREEMENT.

20 MY LAST THOUGHT THAT I WOULD POSE FOR THE
21 COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER, AS CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE POINTED EARLY
22 ON, THAT THE DISTRICTS ARE NUMBERED FROM THE NORTHWEST AND
23 THEY WORK THEIR WAY SOUTH. THAT'S PERFECTLY FINE, BUT WE
24 HOPE THAT YOU CAN IN TURN CONSIDER YOUR THINKING, DOING
25 YOUR WORK IN REDISTRICTING FROM THE SOUTH AND GO NORTH.

1 AND IF YOU CAN COUNT BACKWARDS AND START WITH 80 AT THE
2 BOTTOM AND WORK YOUR WAY BACK TO ONE AT THE TOP, IT MAKES
3 A LOT OF SENSE. BECAUSE I THINK WHERE YOU BEGIN THE
4 PROCESS DETERMINES WHERE YOU END THE PROCESS.

5 FAR TOO OFTEN IN OUR STATE POLITICS IN
6 GENERAL, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO IN PARTICULAR, IS
7 NOT REPRESENTED AND APPRECIATED FOR THE DIVERSE COMMUNITY
8 AND THE LARGE COMMUNITY THAT IT IS. WE HOPE THAT THE
9 COMMITTEE WILL KEEP THAT IN CONSIDERATION AS YOU CONTINUE
10 TO RESPECT THE COMMUNITIES OF INTERESTS THAT HAVE BEEN
11 SHARED THROUGHOUT THIS COMMITTEE TODAY.

12 WE WILL SUBMIT WRITTEN TESTIMONY AT A LATER
13 DATE. THANK YOU.

14 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
15 MR. CRENSHAW. WE APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING THE TIME TO BE
16 HERE THIS AFTERNOON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17 WE HAVE AT THIS POINT, I BELIEVE WE HAVE THE
18 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED AHEAD OF TIME CONCLUDED.
19 WE ARE GOING TO GO TO THOSE WHO HAVE COME HERE TODAY. AM
20 I OKAY WITH THAT? OKAY. I JUST WANTED TO DOUBLECHECK.

21 WE ARE GOING TO, WITHOUT OBJECTION OF THE
22 COMMITTEE, WE HAD, AGAIN, ONE REQUEST WHERE WE HAD SOMEONE
23 WHO IS A PUBLIC OFFICIAL GOING BETWEEN MEETINGS. WE WERE
24 ASKED IF WE COULD TAKE THAT INDIVIDUAL OUT OF ORDER.
25 WITHOUT OBJECTION FROM THE COMMITTEE, I WILL TAKE ONE, THE

1 MAYOR OF OCEANSIDE, TERRY JOHNSON. THEN I'M GOING TO
2 ANNOUNCE WHO THE NEXT PERSON WILL BE. I'LL TRY TO DO THIS
3 AS WE GO ALONG SO THAT PEOPLE CAN BE GETTING PREPARED.

4 AFTER MR. JOHNSON, WE WILL BE TAKING -- I'LL
5 GIVE YOU TWO BACKUP HERE. FIRST, MR. LARRY GROGAN FROM
6 THE CITY OF EL CENTRO AND THEN MR. JOHN HERNANDEZ FROM THE
7 MEXICAN AMERICAN POLITICAL ASSOCIATION, FROM MAPA,
8 IMPERIAL COUNTY. SO EACH TIME, I WILL TRY TO LET YOU KNOW
9 SO YOU HAVE A LITTLE ADVANCE WARNING.

10 MR. JOHNSON: GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR
11 ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. MY COMMENTS WILL BE VERY BRIEF. I
12 HAVE NO PREPARED COMMENTS. JUST A BRIEF COMMENT THAT I
13 HAVE BEEN ON THE COUNCIL NOW FOR ALMOST NINE YEARS IN
14 OCEANSIDE. I HAVE LIVED IN THE CITY FOR 49 YEARS, AND AS
15 LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER, THE 73RD ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, THE
16 38TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT AND THE 48TH CONGRESSIONAL
17 DISTRICT, HAVE ALWAYS BEEN REPUBLICAN AND HAVE NOT BEEN
18 COMPETITIVE.

19 ALL I'M HERE TO DO TODAY IS REQUEST THAT WHEN
20 YOU CONSIDER NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY TO PLEASE CONSIDER
21 ALLOWING US TO HAVE SOME DISTRICTS THAT ARE COMPETITIVE.
22 THANK YOU. AND ALSO I HAVE WITH ME LAWSON CHADWICK FROM
23 OCEANSIDE.

24 MR. CHADWICK: CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE, I'M A
25 CONSTITUENT OF MAYOR -- LAWSON CHADWICK, OCEANSIDE,

1 CALIFORNIA. VICE CHAIR, SAN DIEGO DEMOCRAT PARTY.

2 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE, I'M A CONSTITUENT OF

3 MAYOR TERRY JOHNSON, AND WE BOTH LIVE IN THE CITY OF

4 OCEANSIDE. HE LIVES IN THE 73RD, AND I LIVE IN THE 74TH.

5 WE WOULD LIKE TO BE UNITED IN THE SAME DISTRICT, AND ONCE

6 AGAIN, I'LL MAKE THIS VERY BRIEF. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,

7 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

8 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR

9 TAKING THE TIME TO BE HERE THIS AFTERNOON.

10 I'M GOING TO REMIND PEOPLE TO PLEASE SPELL

11 YOUR NAMES. NEXT UP, MR. GROGAN. AFTER MR. GROGAN WILL

12 BE, AS I SAID EARLIER, JOHN HERNANDEZ. AND TO GIVE THE

13 NEXT PERSON A WARNING, AFTER THAT WILL BE ROBERTO RUBIO.

14 MR. GROGAN: THE NAME IS LARRY GROGAN,

15 G-R-O-G-A-N. I SERVE AS THE MAYOR OF PROTEM FOR THE CITY

16 OF EL CENTRO.

17 TO BEGIN WITH, I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT

18 SO FAR, MANY OF THE PEOPLE TESTIFYING HAVE MENTIONED FROM

19 THE SAN DIEGO ASPECT TO THE RELATIONSHIP OF IMPERIAL

20 COUNTY, I'D LIKE TO DO THIS IN REVERSE.

21 I AM A GRADUATE OF CHULA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL,

22 ATTENDED BOTH GROSSMONT AND SAN DIEGO STATE. I WORKED FOR

23 SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC. I SERVED AS REPRESENTATIVE TO

24 THE HORTON CITY PLAZA PROJECT, THE BARIO LOGAN PLANNING

25 COMMITTEE, AND SERVED AS CHAIRMAN FOR THE DEL'S

1 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT. SO I AM INDEED FAMILIAR WITH THE
2 SAN DIEGO AREA.

3 I WAS ASSIGNED TO THE IMPERIAL VALLEY AS A
4 PROJECT PLANNER FOR GEOTHERMAL DEVELOPMENT AND SERVED DOWN
5 THERE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE PUC ORDERED THE UTILITIES OUT
6 OF THE ENERGY BUSINESS IN 1980. I REMAINED IN THE
7 GEOTHERMAL DEVELOPMENT IN IMPERIAL COUNTY, AND I THINK THE
8 UTILITIES SHOULD HAVE STAYED IN THE BUSINESS.

9 FIRST, TODAY, I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT WE
10 HAVE THIS ITEM COME BEFORE THE BOARD LAST NIGHT -- OR ON
11 WEDNESDAY, AND WE WILL PROBABLY BE TAKING OFFICIAL ACTION
12 ON IT LATER ON EITHER THIS MONTH OR THE NEXT MONTH.

13 ONE OF THE MAJOR CONCERNS THAT WAS EXPRESSED
14 BY ONE OF THE COUNCILMEN WAS THE TIME PERIOD BY WHICH WE
15 WOULD DECLARE OURSELVES IN FAVOR OF AN EAST/WEST
16 RELATIONSHIP DISTRICT AND STILL BEING SERVED BY A
17 NORTH/SOUTH REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATE.

18 WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE LINES WOULD BE DRAWN
19 RATHER QUICKLY AND NOT BE PROTRACTED SO THAT WE WOULD HAVE
20 REPRESENTATION VERY QUICKLY AND NOT DRUG OUT, OBVIOUSLY,
21 THROUGH THE COURTS WHERE WE WOULD BE NOT IN ONE CAMP AND
22 CERTAINLY NOT BEING LOOKED AFTER BY ANOTHER CAMP.

23 ON THE AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST, WE, OF
24 COURSE, FROM IMPERIAL VALLEY, DO MOST OF OUR SHOPPING HERE
25 IN SAN DIEGO AND INDEED FOR REALITY, IT'S MORE LIKE AN

1 EXTENDED FAMILY. MANY OF THE PEOPLE IN THE IMPERIAL
2 VALLEY HAVE RELATIVES THAT ARE IN SAN DIEGO. WE HAVE
3 COMMON AREAS SUCH AS THE BORDER ISSUES, AND IT'S MORE THAN
4 JUST THE BORDER ISSUE. I WANTED TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE.

5 WHEN THEY CRACK DOWN ON, LET'S SAY,
6 IMMIGRATION IN THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY, IT FORCES EVERYTHING
7 MORE OR LESS TO THE IMPERIAL AREA. AND THE CITY OF
8 EL CENTRO HAS A CITY-OWNED HOSPITAL. AS WE HAVE ACCIDENTS
9 THAT HAPPEN WITH ILLEGALS COMING ACROSS AND THEY ARE
10 SERVICED BY OUR HOSPITAL, THOSE COSTS HAVE TO BE ABSORBED
11 BY OUR TAXPAYER, OR BY THE HOSPITAL ITSELF, BECAUSE THE
12 INS DOES NOT ARREST THEM UNTIL AFTER THEY ARE WELL ENOUGH
13 TO LEAVE THE HOSPITAL. SO IT IS A RELATED PROGRAM OR
14 PROBLEM THAT WE'D LIKE TO SEE IN BOTH AREAS.

15 AS FAR AS THE AREA OF RAIL, WE ARE ATTEMPTING
16 IN THE IMPERIAL COUNTY TO DEVELOP A LARGE PARK, THE
17 GATEWAY PROJECT. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE NO RAIL SERVICE
18 TO THE PORT OF SAN DIEGO, AND WE'D LIKE TO SEE THAT
19 PROJECT ALSO COME TO FRUITION.

20 JOINT RELATED ORGANIZATIONS. MANY OF OUR
21 ORGANIZATIONS ARE HEADQUARTERED OR JOINTLY SERVICED WITH
22 SAN DIEGO. THE LIONS, THE KIWANIS, THE ROTARY, SAN DIEGO
23 STATE UNIVERSITY, BOY SCOUTS, OUR SAN DIEGO IMPERIAL
24 COUNTY, GIRL SCOUTS, SAN DIEGO IMPERIAL COUNTY, THE
25 SPORTS, OUR CIF SAN DIEGO, THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHAMBER OF

1 COMMERCE ARE ALSO SERVICED BY SAN DIEGO. IN FACT, MANY OF
2 OUR MEMBERS OF THE EL CENTRO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ACTUALLY
3 OWN OR ARE SAN DIEGO BUSINESSES.

4 AS PREVIOUSLY RELATED, TEN YEARS AGO, WE WERE
5 SERVICED JOINTLY WITH SAN DIEGO. WE ARE IN THE SAN DIEGO
6 FEDERAL COURT SYSTEM. OUR CAL TRANS, OF COURSE, IS OUT OF
7 SAN DIEGO, AND OUR ONLY MAJOR NEWSPAPER THAT IS DELIVERED
8 DAILY TO EL CENTRO IS THE "SAN DIEGO UNION."

9 HOWEVER, THERE ARE SOME MAJOR CONCERNS, AND
10 THIS IS ONE OF THE THINGS TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF HOW WE
11 WOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE ELECTION IN THE DISTRICT OF
12 SAN DIEGO AND WE WOULD REQUIRE OR ASK THAT WHOEVER WOULD
13 RUN WOULD BE ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE TO THIS AREA.

14 AND THAT IS WE DON'T WANT TO BECOME A DUMPING
15 GROUND FOR SAN DIEGO. WE DON'T WANT BASICALLY YOUR
16 TRASH. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SEMPRA IS GOING TO BUILD A
17 650-MEGAWATT POWER PLANT JUST ACROSS THE BORDER OF
18 IMPERIAL COUNTY. WE ALREADY HAVE AN AIR QUALITY PROBLEM,
19 AND THIS CERTAINLY WILL NOT HELP IT WITH THE POWER COMING
20 TO SAN DIEGO. WE DO NOT WANT TO BE COVETED BY YOUR DESIRE
21 FOR WATER AT OUR EXPENSE.

22 ON THE OTHER HAND, MAYBE IT DOES REPRESENT
23 SOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BECAUSE WE
24 CERTAINLY DO HAVE ABUNDANCE OF LABOR, CHEAP LAND, AND
25 WATER, AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT, POWER.

1 WE ALSO WOULD ASK -- LET ME FINISH BY SAYING
2 THAT ONE OF THE WAYS THAT MAYBE THIS COOPERATION COULD BE
3 OBTAINED IS THAT INSTEAD OF THIS "THEM VERSUS US ACROSS
4 THE HILL" SYNDROME, BY BEING SERVICED BY THE SAME
5 ASSEMBLYPERSON OR SENATE, IT TAKES THE "THEM" AND "US" OUT
6 OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM AND ALLOWS US TO KEEP A CLOSER
7 EYE ON THE PARTY THAT -- ON THE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE
8 REPRESENTING BOTH PARTIES, BY ATTENDING THOSE SAME
9 MEETINGS.

10 SO FOR THAT REASON, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE
11 BE INCLUDED INTO THE BORDER AREA AS AN ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.
12 THANK YOU.

13 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
14 SIR. WE APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING THE TIME AS WELL TO SPEAK
15 TO US.

16 I BELIEVE MR. HERNANDEZ IS OUR NEXT WITNESS.
17 MR. HERNANDEZ WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MR. ROBERTO RUBIO WHO
18 WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MR. MICHAEL CANALES.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: BUENOS DIAZ. BUENOS TARDES.
20 MY NAME IS JOHN HERNANDEZ, AND I FULLY SUPPORT AN
21 EAST/WEST MAKEUP OF THE DISTRICTS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY, BUT
22 FOR THE 80TH DISTRICT, WHICH I'M HERE TO SPEAK FOR, I
23 SUPPORT A NORTH/SOUTH.

24 WHEN MY PARENTS CAME TO THIS COUNTRY IN THE
25 EARLY TURN OF THE CENTURY AND SETTLED IN THE IMPERIAL

1 COUNTY, WHICH I HAVE LIVED FOR 52 AND MY FATHER HAS LIVED
2 FOR 87 AND STILL LIVING THERE, WE HAVE HAD TO FIGHT ALL
3 THAT TIME FOR FAIR REPRESENTATION.

4 1935, MY FATHER COULD NOT GO TO HIGH SCHOOL
5 ACROSS THE RAILROAD TRACKS. HIS SON, MYSELF, WENT ON TO
6 BECOME THE PRESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD TWICE. WE'RE
7 STILL UNDERSERVED. THE COMMUNITY, WITH A NORTH/SOUTH
8 MIGRATION, WITH FARM WORKERS WHICH I WORKED WITH OVER MY
9 30 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE STATE GOVERNMENT, BOTH IN
10 AGRICULTURE AND THE LABOR REPRESENTATIVE AND SOCIAL
11 SERVICES PROGRAMS AND CURRENTLY NOW IN THE FASTEST GROWING
12 CROP IN THIS COMMUNITY, CHILD CARE, HAS SHOWN ME THAT WE
13 HAVE MORE IN COMMON WITH THE AREAS TO THE NORTH:
14 RIVERSIDE, THE COACHELLA VALLEY, THE SALTON SEA, THE
15 IRRIGATION DISTRICT WITH THE WATER AND POWER, THAN WE DO
16 WITH SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

17 YES, WE CAN COME TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY AND
18 ENJOY THE BEACHES. THEY'RE NOT POLLUTED. YES, WE CAN
19 COME TO SAN DIEGO COUNTY AND PAY A HIGH PRICE FOR GOODS
20 AND SERVICES. BUT WE PAY A HIGHER PRICE WHEN WE'RE
21 UNDERSERVED IN HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE, WHEN WE'RE
22 UNDERSERVED IN OUR EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY, ONLY ENABLING A
23 EIGHT PERCENT OF OUR STUDENTS GOING ON TO HIGHER
24 EDUCATION.

25 THEREFORE, I SPEAK FROM THE HEART WHEN I SAY

1 THAT I THINK WE WOULD BE BETTER SERVED AND LESS DILUTED TO
2 GO TO THE NORTH WHERE MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS HAVE GONE,
3 WHERE MY RELATIVES HAVE GONE AND HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO
4 BETTER THAN OVER TO THE WEST, WHERE I WENT.

5 I HAD TO GO BACK IN ORDER TO STAY AHEAD OF
6 THE GAME. I'M CURRENTLY AHEAD OF THE GAME. I HAVEN'T
7 GIVEN UP IN HELPING MY COMMUNITY.

8 THE COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS THAT I SPEAK FOR
9 ARE THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. WE HAVE DIVERSIFIED SO MUCH
10 OVER THE LAST 80 YEARS THAT NOW MY COMMUNITY HAS BASICALLY
11 INNER-MARRIED AND HAS CROSSED THE LINES OF RACE AND SO
12 FORTH. SO I CAN HONESTLY SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, WE'RE BEYOND
13 THAT.

14 BUT AS FAR AS THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF '64,
15 UNDERSTANDING THE HISTORY OF GOING TO A SEGREGATED SCHOOL,
16 AND THEN FIGHTING FOR MY COUNTRY IN THE MARINE CORPS
17 DURING THE VIETNAM CONFLICT, SOMEHOW TELLS ME THAT FAIR
18 REPRESENTATION WOULD BE BETTER SERVED FOR IMPERIAL COUNTY
19 IF WE GO NORTH/SOUTH AND STICK WITH THOSE THAT HAVE MORE
20 IN COMMON WITH US SUCH AS RIVERSIDE COUNTY, SALTON SEA,
21 AND THAT AREA.

22 AND I'M FOCUSING ONLY ON THE 80TH AT THIS
23 POINT, BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT WE'RE HERE TO TALK ABOUT,
24 MYSELF ANYWAY. BUT I HAVE SOME OTHER CONCERNS, AND
25 HEARING THE TESTIMONY TODAY, I STILL HOLD FAST TO MY

1 CONVICTIONS. I STILL HOLD FAST, UNDERSTANDING WHAT I DO
2 ABOUT THE GROWTH AND THE EVOLUTION OF THE COUNTY,
3 IMPERIAL, AND HAVING FIRSTHAND INFORMATION FROM MY
4 GRANDMOTHER WHO CAME IN '23, MY FATHER WHO CAME AS A
5 SIX-YEAR-OLD, AND MYSELF, THAT OUR INTERESTS WOULD BE
6 BETTER SERVED GOING THAT WAY.

7 THE CITY COUNCILS IN OUR COMMUNITIES ARE
8 STILL NOT RESPONSIVE TO OUR NEEDS. I STILL DON'T HAVE A
9 SEWER LINE IN THE CORNER WHERE I HAVE MY BUSINESS. WE
10 STILL DON'T HAVE SIDEWALKS IN INDUSTRIAL PARK WHERE WE
11 HAVE ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION SITES.

12 I SPEAK FROM THE HEART, AND I WOULD HOPE AND
13 I THANK YOU FOR LISTENING. AND I MADE IT 120 MILES ON MY
14 DAY OFF BECAUSE I FEEL THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE. AND
15 I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

16 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: MR. HERNANDEZ, BEFORE
17 YOU WALK OFF, I BELIEVE MR. ASHBURN HAS A QUESTION.

18 MR. ASHBURN: THANK YOU FOR COMING. YOU'RE
19 ADVOCATING, AT LEAST, FOR IMPERIAL COUNTY, NORTH/SOUTH; IS
20 THAT CORRECT?

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: THAT'S CORRECT. THE SALTON
22 SEA, WHERE I'M SORRY TO SAY PEOPLE STILL FISH IN, GOES
23 INTO RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THE IMPERIAL IRRIGATION COUNTY
24 GOES INTO RIVERSIDE COUNTY.

25 MR. ASHBURN: WE HAVE HEARD A LOT OF

1 TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF A BORDER DISTRICT THAT WOULD RUN
2 ALONG THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY AND IMPERIAL
3 COUNTY. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THAT?

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: WELL, I FEEL THAT WHAT I SEE
5 ON THE BORDER REGIONS OF TIJUANA AND THE MEXICALI VALLEY
6 WHERE THOSE COMMUNITIES WERE BASICALLY CONCEIVED AT THE
7 SAME TIME AS THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, THAT YOU HAVE ON
8 THOSE SIDES OF THE BORDER, ESPECIALLY IN IMPERIAL COUNTY,
9 A COMMUNITY OF ONLY 145,000 PEOPLE. IN MEXICALI, YOU'RE
10 NEARING 2 MILLION. THAT REALLY, THERE IS MORE IN COMMON
11 ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BORDER THAN ON THIS SIDE OF THE
12 BORDER.

13 THOSE ISSUES CONCERNING THE LARGE COMPANIES
14 THAT DO BUSINESS ON THE MEXICAN SIDE OF THE BORDER, THE
15 MAQUILLADORAS, AND THE TRANSPORTATION, AND THE PLANTS,
16 REALLY HAVE NOT BENEFITTED OUR AREA. WE HAVE 33 PERCENT
17 UNEMPLOYMENT YEAR AFTER YEAR AFTER YEAR IN IMPERIAL
18 COUNTY. AGRICULTURE CONTINUES TO CRY ALL THE WAY TO THE
19 BANK, YOU KNOW, A BILLION PLUS, BECAUSE WE HAVE REALLY
20 INPROPORTIONATE NUMBERS BEEN ABLE TO REACH THE AMERICAN
21 DREAM AS FAST AS WE'D LIKE TO.

22 THERE HAVE BEEN SOME OF US WHO HAVE MADE IT,
23 COME OUT AND HAVE MADE IT, YOU KNOW, MYSELF, I FEEL LIKE I
24 HAVE DONE WELL, YOU KNOW. BUT I HAD TO GO TO THE MILITARY
25 TO DO THAT BECAUSE THERE WAS NO G.I. BILLS. I MEAN, THERE

1 WAS NO EOPS AND ASSISTANCE AT THAT TIME WHEN I WENT
2 THROUGH. BUT POPULATION-WISE, PREPARING ONLY EIGHT
3 PERCENT OF OUR STUDENTS AND SO FORTH, I THINK WE HAVE MORE
4 IN COMMON WITH THE NORTH/SOUTH.

5 MR. ASHBURN: THE POPULATION OF IMPERIAL
6 COUNTY IS ABOUT 140,000.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: IT FLUCTUATES WITH THE
8 SEASONS.

9 MR. ASHBURN: THE CENSUS NUMBER WILL BE
10 140,000 PLUS, WHICH IS NOWHERE NEAR SUFFICIENT FOR A WHOLE
11 DISTRICT. SO YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ADDED POPULATION,
12 IF IMPERIAL WERE CONTAINED WITHIN ITS OWN DISTRICT, TO
13 COME FROM THE NORTH, RIVERSIDE COUNTY?

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: THAT'S CORRECT.

15 MR. ASHBURN: AND NOT FROM INCLUSION OF THE
16 BORDER OF SAN DIEGO.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A
18 NORTH/SOUTH. I THINK WE HAVE MORE IN COMMON WITH THE
19 PEOPLE IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY. LIKE I SAID, I HAVE
20 FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THAT AREA, COACHELLA, INDIO,
21 RIVERSIDE, AND A LOT OF THE MIGRATION NOW, CONTRARY TO
22 WHAT I'M HEARING TODAY, HAS BEEN TO THAT AREA BECAUSE THE
23 HOUSING COSTS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY ARE SO OUT OF REACH FOR
24 US. US, I'M INCLUDING MYSELF, BECAUSE I LIVED UP HERE FOR
25 EIGHT YEARS AND WENT BACK TO MY RENTAL IN IMPERIAL

1 COUNTY.

2 THOSE PEOPLE WHO CAN AFFORD IT ARE MOVING TO
3 FIND HOUSING IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY, COACHELLA, INDIO, PALM
4 SPRINGS, PALM DESERT, RANCHO MIRAGE, CATHEDRAL CITY. AND
5 THEN FROM THERE, JUMP OVER THAT LITTLE HILLSIDE INTO
6 TEMECULA, ELSINORE, AND THAT REGION, WHERE WE SEE THE
7 LARGE NUMBERS OF THE STUDENTS THAT MAKE UP THE SCHOOL
8 DISTRICTS IN THE REGION OF THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL BOARD
9 ASSOCIATION, OF WHICH I WAS A MEMBER, OF LATINO COALITION
10 AND WAS EXPOSED TO STATEWIDE ISSUES AND EVEN REPRESENTED
11 OUR AREA IN WASHINGTON, D.C. BEFORE SOME OF THE
12 SECRETARIES THERE, TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF AND TO ADVOCATE
13 FOR CHILDREN. THAT WE HAVE MORE IN COMMON UP THAT NORTH
14 CORRIDOR AND TO THE LEFT.

15 MR. ASHBURN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: THANK YOU.

17 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: AND, AGAIN, MR.
18 HERNANDEZ, THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME AND TROUBLE TO
19 COME SUCH A DISTANCE TO APPEAR HERE TODAY. I APPRECIATE
20 IT.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME.

22 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: OUR NEXT WITNESS IS
23 MR. ROBERTO RUBIO, WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED BY MR. MICHAEL
24 CANALES. AND AFTER THAT, MR. MANNY AGUILAR.

25 MR. RUBIO, THE MICROPHONE IS YOURS.

1 MR. RUBIO: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS ROBERTO
2 RUBIO. ONE OF THE THINGS, I DON'T HAVE ANY BUSINESS DOING
3 THE SPEAKING, BECAUSE I'M NOT A SPEAKER, BUT I DO HAVE A
4 GREAT CONCERN FOR WHAT IS GOING ON HERE. SO PLEASE BEAR
5 WITH ME.

6 MY NAME IS ROBERTO RUBIO FROM IMPERIAL
7 COUNTY. I'M A RETIRED BUILDING CONTRACTOR, RESIDENTIAL
8 BUILDING CONTRACTOR, A NURSE GRADUATE, AND FORMER JET
9 MECHANIC AND COMMERCIAL PILOT. I WAS BORN IN BRAWLEY,
10 CALIFORNIA, AND MY PARENTS MOVED THERE WHEN IMPERIAL
11 COUNTY WAS ONLY ABOUT 20 YEARS OLD. I FINISHED
12 HIGH SCHOOL IN BRAWLEY, AND AT ONE TIME I OWNED THREE
13 PROPERTIES IN CALIPATRIA, 19 PROPERTIES IN BRAWLEY, EIGHT
14 RENTALS, PLUS MY OWN HOME IN EL CENTRO. I CURRENTLY OWN
15 MY HOME IN CALIPATRIA WHERE I HAVE LIVED FOR 20 YEARS AND
16 IN EL CENTRO FOR NINE YEARS, AND THE DIFFERENCE OF THE
17 TIME HAS BEEN IN BRAWLEY WHERE I HAVE LIVED FOR 30 SOME
18 YEARS. I'M A MEMBER OF MAPA, MEXICAN AMERICAN POLITICAL
19 ASSOCIATION, VERY MUCH IN CONTACT WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS
20 AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL
21 GOVERNMENT. WITH THE, I'M AFFILIATED IN THE SAVING
22 IMMIGRANTS LIVES.

23 I HAVE STRONG SUPPORT FOR OUR COMMUNITY,
24 WHICH IS MAINLY FARMERS, FARM WORKERS, AND SUPPORT
25 BUSINESSES, AND THE SMELL OF FEED LOTS.

1 I WOULD LIKE TO START BY STATING SUPPORT MY
2 SUPPORT FOR THE BROADER PRINCIPLES THAT HAVE BEEN
3 ARTICULATED BY MALDEF, THE VELASQUEZ INSTITUTE, TO ENFORCE
4 THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT, RESPECT OUR COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST
5 THAT EXIST IN THIS REGION, AND NOT SPLIT THEM UP INTO
6 MULTIPLE ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS AND PLEASE ENSURE THAT OUR
7 TESTIMONY IS MEANINGFUL BY TRULY CONSIDERING IT WHEN YOU
8 REDRAW THE DISTRICT LINES.

9 ONE OF THE PROBLEMS I SEE NOW IS WITH THE OFF
10 BALANCE OF THE VOTING COMMUNITY WHICH HAS CHANGED INTO
11 WHAT IT WAS IN THE PAST. OUR COMMUNITIES, WHICH ARE THE
12 SAME AREAS THAT MR. HERNANDEZ MENTIONED, IS MOSTLY OF
13 FARMERS, THE FARM WORKER, AND THE SUPPORTING BUSINESSES
14 AND THE SMELL OF FEED LOTS.

15 WE ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE FREEWAY SAN DIEGO
16 AREA AND PALM SPRINGS, WHICH IS MOSTLY RETIRED GOLF CLUB
17 SWINGERS AND MOSTLY IN SIMILARITY TO THE LOS ANGELES
18 FREEWAY AREA.

19 OUR AREA IS VERY IDENTICAL TO CATHEDRAL CITY,
20 PALM DESERT, INDIO, COACHELLA, AND IMPERIAL COUNTY, WHICH
21 I STATED BEFORE IS MOSTLY DESERT AND AGRICULTURE. ALSO
22 VERY UNIQUE TO US IS LANGUAGE. WE HAVE CHINESE, FILIPINO,
23 KOREAN, JAPANESE, INDIAN, WHO SPEAK THEIR LANGUAGE PLUS,
24 ENGLISH AND SPANISH. BLACK, MEXICAN AMERICAN, AND ANGLOS
25 THAT SPEAK ENGLISH AND SPANISH.

1 SMALL THINGS IDENTIFIABLE TO US ARE TWISTED
2 JEWELRY ONLY UNIQUE TO THE AREA AND OUR GOOD FAMOUS CARNE
3 ASADA. ALSO, IN MUSIC, ARE THINGS WE HAVE VERY IN COMMON.
4 SO WE WOULD BE BETTER REPRESENTED FROM CATHEDRAL CITY,
5 PALM DESERT, INDIO, COACHELLA, AND IMPERIAL COUNTY.

6 OUR HOUSING IS VERY SIMILAR ALSO, WHICH
7 CONSISTS OF VERY FEW EXPENSIVE HOMES AND MOSTLY
8 1300-SQUARE-FOOT HOMES. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I
9 EXPERIENCE AS A BUILDING CONTRACTOR IN HOUSING IS THAT
10 OUTSIDE BUILDING CONTRACTORS DON'T UNDERSTAND OUR VERY DRY
11 GROUND. THAT ALWAYS CRACKS THE FLOORS WHEN THEY START
12 WATERING THEIR LAWNS BECAUSE THE DIRT, THE GROUND IS VERY
13 EXPENSIVE, AND THE OUTSIDE CONTRACTORS DON'T KNOW THIS.

14 SINCE I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A
15 MANDATORY TREATMENT FOR TERMITES AS A STANDARD, I WOULD
16 BELIEVE THAT NEW HOMEOWNERS BE ADVISED THAT A FEW HUNDRED
17 DOLLARS INVESTED IN TERMITE TREATMENT WILL SAVE THOUSANDS
18 OF DOLLARS LATER.

19 ALSO, FARMER HOMES WHEN BUILT IN THE VALLEY,
20 THEIR STANDARDS ARE MOSTLY FOR COLD AREAS AND NOT FOR VERY
21 HOT AREAS, WHICH WE HAVE IN THE IMPERIAL COUNTY.

22 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LISTENING TO ME. AND
23 THANK YOU.

24 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
25 TAKING THE TIME TO COME HERE AND SPEAK TODAY, AND I

1 APPRECIATE IT, MR. RUBIO.

2 NEXT IS MR. MIKE CANALES.

3 MR. SANCHEZ: THAT'S A FAMOUS COMMENTATOR.

4 MY NAME IS VINCENTE PAZ SANCHEZ. I DROPPED MY CARD OFF.

5 I WAS A SPEAKER ON BEHALF FOR MAPA.

6 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: I'M SORRY. LET'S SEE.

7 I'M SORRY. WHAT'S YOUR LAST NAME, SIR?

8 MR. SANCHEZ: SANCHEZ WITH A Z.

9 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: YES. WE'LL HAVE YOU UP

10 IN JUST A FEW MINUTES. WE'RE JUST TAKING YOU IN THE ORDER

11 FOR WHICH THE FORMS WERE TURNED IN. SO YOU'RE GOING TO BE

12 COMING UP VERY, VERY QUICKLY, IN JUST A COUPLE OF MINUTES.

13 I HAVE THREE PEOPLE IN FRONT OF YOU RIGHT AT

14 THE MOMENT. I HAVE MR. -- IF THEY'RE HERE. IF THEY'RE

15 NOT HERE.

16 FIRST, MR. MICHAEL CANALES AND THEN

17 MR. MANNY AGUILAR AND THEN MARSHALL DIAZ. AND THEN I HAVE

18 MR. SANCHEZ. SO IF THOSE PEOPLE ARE NOT HERE, YOU'RE

19 NEXT.

20 MR. SANCHEZ: MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK THERE'S

21 BEEN A -- WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE GROUPED TOGETHER. WE

22 CAME TOGETHER.

23 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THAT'S FINE. THEN WE

24 WILL JUST TAKE YOU RIGHT NOW. GO RIGHT AHEAD, SIR.

25 MR. SANCHEZ: GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN

1 AND CHAIRPERSONS.

2 MY NAME IS VICENTE PAZ SANCHEZ. I'M FROM THE
3 HAPPY CITY OF HOLTVILLE, WHICH IS 20 MILES OR 10 MILES TO
4 THE EAST OF EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA. I AM IN MAPA. I ALSO
5 AM AN ELECTRICAL POWER TROUBLESHOOTER WITH THE IMPERIAL
6 IRRIGATION DISTRICT, AND I'M CURRENTLY -- I'M ON THE
7 HOLTVILLE CHAMBER AS A DIRECTOR.

8 I FEEL THAT WE SHOULD PARTNER UP WITH OUR
9 DISTRICT TO THE NORTH BECAUSE OF THE POWER. WE SHARE THE
10 SAME POWER DISTRICT, IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT, AND WE
11 HAVE THE SAME WATER ISSUES. I ALSO FEEL WITH THE AMOUNT
12 OF MIGRANT FIELDWORKERS THAT WE HAVE COMMUTING BOTH FROM
13 THE NORTH TO THE SOUTH AND THE SOUTH TO THE NORTH. IT,
14 WOULD BE IN OUR INTERESTS. I ALSO AGREE WITH
15 MR. HERNANDEZ AND WITH MR. RUBIO THAT WE SHOULD
16 RESTRUCTURE OUR DISTRICTS TO THE NORTH.

17 AND I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
19 TAKING THE TIME TO BE HERE, SIR. WE APPRECIATE IT. AND I
20 APOLOGIZE FOR NOT HAVING REALIZED THAT WE HAD INDICATED
21 YOU WOULD BE SPEAKING TOGETHER RIGHT AFTER MR. RUBIO.

22 I DO HAVE NEXT MR. CANALES. MR. MICHAEL
23 CANALES. AND IS THAT C-A-N-A-L-E-S?

24 MR. CANALES: CORRECT.

25 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: OKAY. AND PLEASE

1 IDENTIFY YOUR ASSOCIATION FOR THE RECORD.

2 MR. CANALES: MY NAME IS MIKE CANALES. I'M
3 HERE WITH THE LATINO BUILDERS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION. I'M A
4 MEMBER.

5 I'M HERE TO TALK TO YOU TODAY ABOUT THE STATE
6 AND FEDERAL DISTRICTS AND HOW WE CAN ENSURE WE KEEP
7 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST TOGETHER. THE 79TH DISTRICT NEEDS
8 TO ACQUIRE THE TIJUANA RIVER VALLEYS, SAN YSIDRO, OTAY
9 MESA, TO INCLUDE CAMPO, JACUMBA, AND THE IMPERIAL VALLEY
10 AND BARIO LOGAN. THIS WILL UNITE THE COMMUNITIES OF
11 SIMILAR BACKGROUNDS AND BRING IT TOGETHER, COMMUNITIES
12 THAT HAVE BEEN SPLIT DUE TO THE 1990 REDISTRICTING
13 BOUNDARIES. THESE ARE ALSO OF PREDOMINANTLY DEMOCRAT
14 REGION.

15 AS A BUSINESS OWNER IN BARIO LOGAN, I BUILD
16 HOMES IN THE ENTERPRISE ZONE, SOUTH OF 94, THAT ALLOW
17 BUSINESSES TO RECEIVE TAX CREDITS AND OTHER BENEFITS.
18 HIGHWAY 94 SHOULD BE THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY FOR THE 79TH
19 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT. THIS ENTERPRISE IS A COMMUNITY OF
20 INTEREST TO ME.

21 THANK YOU.

22 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
23 SIR, FOR TAKING THE TIME TO APPEAR BEFORE US TODAY. WE
24 VERY MUCH APPRECIATE EVERYBODY WHO IS COMING HERE TODAY.

25 I HAVE AS MY NEXT PERSON ON OUR LIST

1 MR. MANNY AGUILAR.

2 AND SO THAT OTHERS CAN BE GETTING READY, LET

3 ME NOTE THE NEXT NAME AFTER THAT IS MARSHALL DIAZ AND THE

4 NEXT NAME AFTER THAT IS ROB HOWARD, BY THE NAMES IN ORDER.

5 SO MR. AGUILAR.

6 MR. AGUILAR: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON,

7 MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

8 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: IF I CAN DOUBLECHECK.

9 IT IS A-G-U-I-L-A-R? IS THAT CORRECT?

10 MR. AGUILAR: THAT'S CORRECT. MANNY AGUILAR.

11 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: I'M SORRY.

12 MR. AGUILAR: MANNY AGUILAR. I DON'T KNOW IF

13 YOU CAN HEAR ME. I CAN'T HEAR MYSELF.

14 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: OKAY. MANNY,

15 M-A-N-N-Y? MR. AGUILAR: M-A-N-N-Y

16 A-G-U-I-L-A-R.

17 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,

18 SIR.

19 MR. AGUILAR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR

20 TIME AND THE WORK YOUR COMMUNITY IS DOING IN SAN DIEGO. I

21 KNOW IT'S NOT MUCH OF A SACRIFICE TO COME TO SAN DIEGO,

22 BUT THANK YOU FOR COMING ANYWAY. HELLO TO MY GOOD FRIEND

23 JUAN VARGAS.

24 I'M A COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER IN A COUPLE OF

25 AREAS. I SERVE ON SEVERAL BOARDS HERE IN THE COMMUNITY,

1 SERVING HISPANIC AND ALSO THE GENERAL COMMUNITY'S
2 INTEREST.

3 SPECIFICALLY, WHAT I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT
4 TODAY ARE ON THREE ISSUES AS IT RELATES TO THE COMMUNITY.
5 I BELIEVE OUR GOAL TODAY, IN MOVING FORWARD WITH THESE
6 HEARINGS, IS TO DETERMINE HOW TOGETHER WE CAN KEEP OUR
7 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST AS IT RELATES TO FEDERAL, STATE,
8 AND EVEN THE LOCAL DISTRICTS TOGETHER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

9 I'M HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT THREE ISSUES,
10 AND THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS. NUMBER ONE, ENSURING THAT THE
11 79TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT AND THE CITY, SAN DIEGO CITY
12 COUNCIL DISTRICT EIGHT, ARE ENTIRELY INCLUDED IN THE 50TH
13 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

14 NUMBER TWO, THAT THE 79TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT
15 MUST ACQUIRE THE BORDER COMMUNITIES INCLUDING TIJUANA
16 RIVER VALLEY, SAN YSIDRO, OTAY MESA, TO INCLUDE CAMPO,
17 JACUMBA, AND THE IMPERIAL VALLEY. FROM A DEMOGRAPHIC
18 PERSPECTIVE, I ALSO BELIEVE THAT IN MY EXPERIENCE IN THE
19 COMMUNITY AND HEARING THE CONCERNS OF THE CONSTITUENTS
20 THAT I SERVED AS A VOLUNTEER, THAT THE SAME PERSON SHOULD
21 REPRESENT THE ENTIRE U.S./MEXICAN BORDER REGION. AND THAT
22 IS BECAUSE WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS CONSISTENT AND
23 INCLUSIVE REPRESENTATION FOR THE ENTIRE BORDER REGION
24 BECAUSE THEY FACE VIRTUALLY THE SAME ISSUES EVERY DAY.

25 WE'D LIKE TO SEE BARIO LOGAN ADDED TO THOSE

1 DISTRICTS, ALSO THE BORDER COMMUNITIES I MENTIONED, AND
2 ALSO THE PORTION OF NATIONAL CITY THAT IS NOT INCLUDED
3 CURRENTLY. THOSE ARE COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE A LOT OF
4 ISSUES THAT RELATE TO A LOT OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS HERE:
5 CULTURE, LANGUAGE, DEMOGRAPHICS, ET CETERA.

6 FINALLY, NUMBER THREE, BECAUSE OF MY
7 EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH BUSINESSES AND ENTERPRISE
8 ZONES, BARIO LOGAN, AS AN EXAMPLE, IS LOCATED WITHIN ONE
9 OF THOSE ENTERPRISE ZONES IN SAN DIEGO AND HAS MUCH MORE
10 IN COMMON WITH A LOT OF THE OTHER COMMUNITIES AND
11 CONSTITUENTS THAT HAVE THE SAME INTERESTS, IN THE 79TH
12 DISTRICT, THE 50TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, THAN IT
13 CURRENTLY DOES BEING SERVED BY THE 49TH AND 78TH
14 DISTRICTS, RESPECTIVELY, CONGRESSIONALLY AND AT THE STATE
15 ASSEMBLY.

16 BARIO LOGAN NEEDS REPRESENTATION AND A
17 REPRESENTATIVE WITH SIMILAR BACKGROUND BECAUSE OF THE FACT
18 THAT THAT PERSON MUST UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES THAT THOSE
19 CONSTITUENTS FACE EVERY DAY.

20 IT'S CURRENTLY -- CURRENTLY, AND I SAY THAT,
21 I'M HOPING THAT IN THE FUTURE THAT WE WON'T HAVE TO REFER
22 TO IT THIS WAY. BUT IT'S CURRENTLY A LOW INCOME
23 COMMUNITY, AND SHARES THE VALUES WITH ITS NEIGHBORING
24 COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS LOGAN HEIGHTS. BUT UNDER THE
25 CURRENT DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, IT DOESN'T SHARE THE SAME

1 GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATION.

2 SO AS A RESULT, I WOULD ASK YOUR INDULGENCE

3 TO CONSIDER THOSE IN YOUR REDISTRICTING RECOMMENDATIONS.

4 THANK YOU.

5 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,

6 SIR, FOR TAKING THE TIME TO BE HERE TODAY.

7 NEXT, I HAVE MR. DIAZ, MR. MARSHALL DIAZ.

8 THAT'S M-A-R-S-H-A-L-L.

9 MR. DIAZ: YES.

10 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: LAST NAME D-I-A-Z? IS

11 THAT CORRECT?

12 MR. DIAZ: THAT'S CORRECT.

13 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: LET ME, BEFORE YOU

14 BEGIN, JUST NOTE THAT FOLLOWING YOU WILL BE MR. ROB HOWARD

15 AND THEN MR. ALAN CLAYTON, IF THEY'RE PRESENT.

16 MR. DIAZ, IF YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND IDENTIFY

17 YOUR AFFILIATION FOR THE RECORD.

18 MR. DIAZ: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE

19 OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY TODAY.

20 MY NAME IS MARSHALL DIAZ. I'M THE

21 CHAIRPERSON OF THE CALIFORNIA LATINO REDISTRICTING

22 COALITION, AND I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE REDISTRICTING

23 PROCESS SINCE 1975 WHEN I WAS INVOLVED WITH A LAWSUIT

24 AGAINST THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO AND WORKED WITH JUAQUIN

25 AGUILAR, WHICH I THINK MOST OF YOU KNOW, IS THE VOTING

1 RIGHTS REPRESENTATIVE, FOR THE LATINOS NATIONWIDE.

2 I WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN 1980 WITH THE
3 CALIFORNIANS FOR FAIR REPRESENTATION. I WAS A FULL-TIME
4 STAFF FOR THAT. WE DID NOT GET VERY MUCH WITH THAT
5 REDISTRICTING PROCESS. BUT WHAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT IS
6 THAT WE WERE ABLE TO EDUCATE AND BRING THE COMMUNITY OUT
7 TO THE HEARINGS, WHICH HADN'T BEEN DONE IN A MASS BASIS.
8 I THINK THAT WITH THE LAWSUIT TODAY, IF WE DIDN'T HAVE
9 THAT. IT'S VERY HARD TO GET PEOPLE TO COME OUT AND
10 TESTIFY. PEOPLE WERE NOT REALLY FULLY EDUCATED UNDER THE
11 REDISTRICTING PROCESS. SO CALIFORNIANS REALLY DID THAT.

12 I AM FROM LOS ANGELES. SO I AM NOT FROM
13 SAN DIEGO, AND OUR COALITION IN LOS ANGELES, AFTER THE
14 STATEWIDE REDISTRICTING WAS OVER, WE WERE VERY
15 INSTRUMENTAL IN, FOR EXAMPLE, IN SUING THE CITY OF
16 LOS ANGELES. I WAS A PLAINTIFF IN THAT LAWSUIT WHERE WE
17 GOT THE FIRST LATINO ELECTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL. AND
18 ALSO BASED ON THE WORK THAT WE DID AS CALIFORNIANS, A
19 LAWSUIT AGAINST THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN LOS ANGELES
20 WAS ALSO COMPLETED. WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO GET A LATINO
21 ELECTED TO THAT BOARD.

22 ALSO IN 1990, A STATEWIDE LATINO COALITION
23 BEGAN. IT WAS A LITTLE DIFFERENT BECAUSE THIS TIME AROUND
24 WE DO HAVE A LOT OF LATINOS IN THE LEGISLATURE. IN '91,
25 WE DIDN'T. L.A. COUNTY IS SO LARGE, FOR EXAMPLE. I HAD

1 LIKE SEVEN OR EIGHT DIFFERENT REGIONS. PEOPLE LIKE
2 SOLIZ IS NOW A CONGRESSIONAL PERSON WAS PRIOR ONE OF OUR
3 CO-COORDINATORS. SALLY HABAS IS ALSO AN ASSEMBLY PERSON.
4 SHE WAS ONE OF OUR COORDINATORS. WE HAD A GOOD COALITION,
5 AND WE VERY MUCH INVOLVED AT THIS POINT THROUGHOUT THE
6 STATE.

7 SO THAT'S ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT I HAVE. I
8 WILL MAKE MY REMARKS SHORT. YOU KNOW, THE PROCESS LAST
9 TIME AROUND, PARTICULARLY, THERE WERE THREE PHASES. THIS
10 TIME AROUND, YOU'RE JUST GOING THROUGH WHAT I CALL THE
11 FIRST PHASE AS '91. BY THIS TIME WE REALLY HAD COMPLETED
12 THE FIRST PHASE BY HAVING ABOUT 17 DIFFERENT HEARINGS
13 THROUGHOUT THE STATE. I'M REALLY CONCERNED AND I THINK
14 YOU'VE HEARD, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT COMMUNITY
15 INTERESTS. AND THAT'S HOW WE ANALYZE AND WE DRAW OUR
16 LINES, ON THE CONCEPT OF COMMUNITY INTERESTS. WE HAVE
17 ALWAYS DONE THAT, GOING BACK TO 1980. AND I'M REALLY
18 CONCERNED THAT WHEN THE PLANS COME OUT HOW MUCH TIME WE'RE
19 GOING TO HAVE TO ANALYZE THAT AND RESPOND.

20 NOW, AT FIRST, WE HAD A MINIMUM OF A ONE-DAY
21 TO TWO-DAY NOTICE, AND I THINK THAT'S TOTALLY, YOU KNOW,
22 NUTS. IT IS NOT TOTALLY REASONABLE AT ALL. AS A
23 COALITION, WE'RE REQUESTING THAT ONCE THE PLANS,
24 PARTICULARLY YOUR PLANS, THE DEMOCRATIC PLANS AND ALSO THE
25 LEGISLATURE, WE NEED TO ANALYZE THAT MAP.

1 WE NEED I WOULD SAY AT THE MINIMUM OF ONE
2 WEEK TO TWO WEEKS AT THE MAXIMUM BECAUSE WHAT WE HAVE TO
3 DO, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE ARE TESTIFYING THROUGHOUT THE REGIONS
4 HERE. THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT THEIR AREAS. ONE OF THE
5 THINGS I TELL THE PEOPLE ALL THE TIME IS THAT WE NEED
6 INFORMATION, BUT REMEMBER WHAT YOU CAN DRAW NOW DOESN'T
7 MEAN IT'S GOING TO BE EXACTLY WHERE YOU WANT IT BECAUSE WE
8 DO HAVE TO DRAW LINES, LIKE YOU MENTIONED EARLIER, FROM
9 THE TOP, COMING DOWN. THERE ARE ALL THE RIPPLE EFFECTS.
10 YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH POPULATION GROWTH AND POPULATION
11 THAT YOU HAD LOST. SO I TELL PEOPLE, NOW WE NEED JUST THE
12 BASIC INFORMATION FOR YOUR COMMUNITY THAT YOU DEFINITELY
13 CAN IDENTIFY.

14 SO WHEN YOU COME OUT WITH YOUR PLAN, WE NEED
15 TO TRY TO ANALYZE THAT ON A STATE LEVEL BECAUSE WE, MY
16 COALITION, YOU KNOW, WE'RE CONCERNED.

17 FIRST OF ALL, WE WANT TO PROTECT ALL OUR
18 LATINO ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT EXIST RIGHT NOW.

19 SECONDLY, WE ALSO WANT TO SEE THAT SECTION 2
20 OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT IS NOT VIOLATED IN ANY WAY.

21 THREE, WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT THE LATINO
22 COMMUNITY IS NOT FRAGMENTED IN ANY WAY. THAT'S WHAT YOU
23 WILL BE HEARING TODAY ON THE COMMUNITY INTEREST CONCEPT.

24 NOW, WHEN YOU COME UP WITH YOUR FINAL PLAN,
25 WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO LOOK AT THAT ON A STATEWIDE LEVEL,

1 NOT JUST ON A REGIONAL LEVEL FOR OUR COALITION. THEN WE
2 NEED TO BE ABLE TO GET BACK TO THE FOLKS THAT ARE
3 TESTIFYING HERE TODAY, EXPLAINING TO THEM WHAT IS
4 HAPPENING ON THE STATE LEVEL AND HOW ONE THING IS GOING TO
5 AFFECT -- HOW ONE AREA CAN AFFECT ANOTHER AREA.

6 SO WE NEED THAT TIME TO GET WHAT I CALL A
7 GOOD COMMUNITY INPUT. OTHERWISE, YOU KNOW, IF YOU'RE
8 GOING TO GIVE US ONE DAY OR TWO DAYS WITH YOUR PLAN, WE
9 JUST CAN'T DO IT. AND I MENTIONED I WAS IN THE
10 REDISTRICTING IN 1975. I KNOW WE HAVE COMPUTERS, AND BACK
11 IN 1980, WE DID IT BY HAND. BUT WE STILL, YOU KNOW, WE
12 HAVE EXPERIENCE. I CANNOT DO A STATEWIDE ANALYSIS, YOU
13 KNOW, IN ONE OR TWO DAYS.

14 IN 1991, I CAME HERE TO SAN DIEGO BECAUSE WE
15 HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE IN THE COALITION TESTIFYING IN
16 LOS ANGELES. I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT I'M A DEMOCRAT.
17 BUT IN '91, WE OPPOSED THE DEMOCRATIC PLAN BASED ON THE
18 COMMUNITY OF INTEREST CONCEPT. WE ALSO OPPOSED THE
19 REPUBLICAN PLAN BASED ON THE COMMUNITY OF INTEREST
20 CONCEPT. WE ALSO OPPOSED GOVERNOR WILSON'S PLAN BASED ON
21 THE COMMUNITY OF INTEREST CONCEPT.

22 I CAME DOWN HERE BECAUSE WE HAVE SO MANY
23 PEOPLE SIGNED UP IN L.A., AND I HAVE A GOOD WORKING
24 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SENATOR BYRDIE'S OFFICE AND PETER
25 CHACON'S OFFICE, THEY SAID MY TESTIMONY -- I'M SORRY.

1 WHEN WE DID THE MASTERS, WE CAME DOWN HERE. I SPENT OVER
2 AN HOUR AND A HALF BECAUSE WE ANALYZED THE DEMOCRAT,
3 REPUBLICAN, AND GOVERNOR'S PLAN WHICH WE TOTALLY DID NOT
4 ACCEPT.

5 AND YOU MENTIONED EARLIER THERE WAS A MASTERS
6 THAT DREW THE FINAL LINES. AND, YES, WE'RE CONCERNED HERE
7 IN DISTRICT 79 BECAUSE THEY DID DRAW IT AND THEY DID USE
8 THE CONCEPT OF RACE. THEY USED OTHER CRITERIA, BUT THEY
9 USED RACE. THEY DREW THE MAJORITY OF THE DISTRICTS. SO
10 WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THAT'S ALL KEPT INTACT.

11 NOW, I KNOW THERE ARE CHANGES. WE HAVEN'T
12 LOOKED AT THE NEW NUMBERS, AND WE'RE ALSO HERE LISTENING.
13 JUST LIKE YOU'RE TAKING NOTES, I'M TAKES NOTES ON WHAT
14 EVERYBODY IS SAYING. WE HAVE BEEN DOING TRAINING
15 THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

16 THE SUNDAY BEFORE LAST, FOR EXAMPLE, I WAS IN
17 EL CENTRO. I WAS WITH MS. DUCHENY. WE DID A WORKSHOP
18 THERE. WE HAD A TRAINING PACKET. WE HAD ABOUT 26 PEOPLE
19 THERE. SOME HAVE TESTIFIED HERE ALREADY. SOME ARE GOING
20 TO TESTIFY.

21 LAST SATURDAY, I DID A WORKSHOP ON THE
22 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE HERE. WE HAD ABOUT 48 PEOPLE AT
23 THAT SHOP. I SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE HERE TESTIFYING.
24 ALSO, WE DID ANOTHER WORKSHOP IN THE AFTERNOON, BUT NOT 26
25 PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN THAT ALSO ARE TESTIFYING

1 IN HERE.

2 SO YOU'RE COALITION IS VERY MUCH CONCERNED,
3 AN WE'RE LOOKING. AND WE DEFINITELY NEED TO HAVE SOME
4 KIND OF TIME TO ANALYZE THAT PLAN SO WE CAN GET BACK TO
5 THE COMMUNITY AND MAKE SURE THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT HAS TO BE
6 DONE AND WHAT IS HAPPENING, YOU KNOW, ON A STATEWIDE
7 LEVEL.

8 SO THAT'S REALLY ABOUT IT AT THIS POINT. I
9 MEAN, OUR RESEARCH PERSON, I KNOW YOU ALREADY MET WITH HIM
10 IN SACRAMENTO BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN TESTIFYING UP THERE AT
11 SOME OF YOUR HEARINGS. THIS IS REALLY MY FIRST TIME. I
12 THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO HAVE A FULL COMMITTEE HERE
13 TODAY, BUT I GUESS NOT, HUH? I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO
14 HAVE A FULL COMMITTEE HERE TODAY.

15 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THIS IS ACTUALLY A
16 COMMITTEE HEARING. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL OTHER MEMBERS
17 WHO HAVE BEEN HERE AND WHO HAVE LEFT AT THE MOMENT BECAUSE
18 OF OTHER SCHEDULING. BUT, YOU'LL NOTE WE HAVE A COURT
19 REPORTER TAKING ALL OF THE TESTIMONY SO THAT ALL MEMBERS,
20 WHETHER THEY'RE HERE OR NOT WILL BE ABLE TO READ ALL THE
21 TESTIMONY WORD FOR WORD, VERBATIM.

22 MR. DIAZ: I WAS ABOUT TO FINISH WITH MY
23 PRESENTATION. BUT I JUST WANT TO REEMPHASIZE AND MAKE
24 SURE YOU GET OUR POINTS WE HAVE AS A COALITION. ONE, WE
25 WANT TO PROTECT LATINO ELECTED OFFICIALS. TWO, WE WANT TO

1 MAKE SURE THAT SECTION 2 OF THE VOTERS RIGHTS ACT IS NOT
2 VIOLATED IN ANY MANNER. THREE, WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT THE
3 LATINO COMMUNITY IS NOT FRAGMENTED IN ANY MANNER. AND
4 WE'RE ALSO VERY CONCERNED THAT THE COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS
5 IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN IS FOLLOWED. AND AFTER THE
6 MASTER PLAN IS DEVELOPED FROM THE LEGISLATURE, WE NEED
7 MORE THAN ONE OR TWO DAYS IN ORDER TO ANALYZE IT AND THEN
8 TESTIFY. AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE TWO HEARINGS.

9 NOW, AFTER YOU SEND OUT YOUR PLAN AND WE'RE
10 ABLE TO EVALUATE AND TESTIFY TO THAT, THE INFORMATION THAT
11 WE GIVE TO YOU, YOU'LL TAKE IN, AND MIGHT DO SOME
12 MODIFICATIONS. WE WANT THE SAME THING HERE. ONCE YOU DO
13 THE MODIFICATIONS, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MINIMUM OF, YOU
14 KNOW, A WEEK SO WE CAN RESPOND TO THAT. AND IF YOU'RE NOT
15 GOING TO HAVE HEARINGS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. I KNOW YOU
16 MENTIONED EARLIER WHEN I WAS WALKING IN THAT YOU MIGHT
17 HAVE A TELECOMMUNICATION. YOU KNOW, WE'RE DEFINITELY
18 GOING TO HAVE THAT. WE HAD THAT IN '91, WHAT THEY CALLED
19 THE THIRD PHASE. THERE WAS MORE THAN JUST ONE PHASE
20 DURING THAT PROCESS.

21 THOSE ARE THE KEY THINGS THAT I WANTED TO
22 MAKE SURE THAT IS ON RECORD. WE ARE GOING TO MONITOR
23 EVERYTHING STATEWIDE, AND WE ARE WORKING WITH DIFFERENT
24 GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. SO YOU'LL PROBABLY SEE US AT
25 MOST OF THE HEARINGS, MYSELF AND ALAN CLAYTON AND THE

1 PEOPLE THAT WILL SPEAK FOR US.

2 ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
3 TIME.

4 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
5 SIR, FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME HERE TODAY.

6 LET ME KNOW FOR THE RECORD, TWO POINTS. ONE
7 IS THAT TEN YEARS AGO I KNOW THAT THERE WERE SOME HEARINGS
8 THAT WERE HELD PRIOR TO THE RELEASE OF THE NUMERICAL
9 INFORMATION. MY RECOLLECTION IS THAT AFTERWARDS THERE WAS
10 SOME COURT INDICATION THAT TESTIMONY TAKEN BEFORE PEOPLE
11 WERE GIVEN INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT THE CENSUS DATA SHOWED
12 WAS OF LESS LEGAL VALUE, AS THE COURT INTERPRETED IT.

13 AND SO WE'VE MADE THE CHANGE THIS YEAR THAT
14 WE ARE TAKING TESTIMONY AFTER THE DATA WAS RELEASED,
15 WHICH, OF COURSE, WAS JUST RELEASED FIVE WEEKS AGO. SO
16 WE'VE SCHEDULED THE HEARINGS FIRST TO ALLOW PEOPLE AN
17 OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT AND DO SOME ANALYSIS OF THE DATA,
18 AND USE THAT IN THEIR TESTIMONY. SO THAT COMPRESSES OUR
19 TIME FRAME A LITTLE.

20 LET ME NOTE THAT WE INTEND TO ALLOW AS MUCH
21 TIME AS POSSIBLE IN NOTICE, AND THAT WILL BE DETERMINED,
22 AND HOW SOON WE CAN PUT TOGETHER A PLAN THAT GETS ENOUGH
23 VOTES TO BE APPROVED EVEN AT THE COMMITTEE LEVEL. THEN
24 WHEN WE HAVE THAT HEARING, WE WILL TAKE --- FIRST OF ALL,
25 WE WILL GIVE AS MUCH NOTICE AS WE POSSIBLY CAN WITHIN THE

1 DEADLINES OF WHEN WE HAVE TO ACTUALLY ADOPT A PLAN. AND
2 THEN HOLD THE HEARINGS IN SACRAMENTO WITH CONNECTIONS SO
3 THAT WE CAN TAKE INPUT FROM AROUND THE STATE.

4 THERE MAY BE MODIFICATIONS BASED ON THAT
5 TESTIMONY, OF COURSE. BUT YOU KIND OF REACH A REVERSE
6 CHICKEN AND EGG QUESTION EVENTUALLY. YOU HAVE TO AT SOME
7 POINT ADOPT SOMETHING, AND AT THAT POINT YOU CAN NO LONGER
8 TAKE TESTIMONY AT SOME POINT.

9 IF YOU SAY THAT AT SUCH AND SUCH A POINT, WE
10 WILL STOP MAKING CHANGES, BUT WE'LL STILL TAKE TESTIMONY
11 AFTER THAT, THE TESTIMONY BECOMES OF LITTLE RELEVANCE IF
12 WE CAN'T CHANGE THE MAPS TO REFLECT THE INPUT PEOPLE GIVE
13 US. SO IT'S KIND OF A CHICKEN AND EGG THING, WHICH COMES
14 LAST. WHERE DO YOU STOP.

15 MR. DIAZ: I UNDERSTAND THAT BECAUSE, YOU
16 KNOW, WE DO THE PROCESS AND SOMETIMES WE CAN SIT DOWN
17 BETWEEN TWO OF US AND NOT AGREE ON A CERTAIN CENSUS TRACT
18 OR WHICH WAY TO GO. I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT I WANT TO
19 MAKE SURE THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT ON
20 THE RECORD SOME KIND OF ANALYSIS, BECAUSE IF IT GOES TO
21 COURT AGAIN, THAT'S WHAT I SEE IS GOING TO BE KEY.

22 THE JUDGES AND THE MASTERS, THEY LOOKED AT
23 THE TESTIMONY THAT WAS GIVEN BY THE COMMUNITY, AND THAT'S
24 HOW THEY DREW THEIR FINAL MAPS. IT WASN'T THE DEMOCRATIC
25 OR REPUBLICAN PARTY OR THE GOVERNOR. IT WAS WHAT THE

1 COMMUNITY PUT IN. SO WE'RE OUT THERE TRAINING PEOPLE.
2 GOING OVER TO THE TRAINING. WE HAVE LAW ANALYSIS. ALAN
3 CLAYTON, OUR RESEARCH PERSON HAS BEEN UP A LOT TO
4 SACRAMENTO AND WORKING WITH -- I DON'T KNOW ABOUT WORKING,
5 BUT ATTENDING YOUR HEARINGS AND DEALING WITH SOME OF THE
6 CRITERIA, SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT HE HAS AND WE HAVE. SO
7 HE CAN RELATE THAT TO YOU, I'M SURE. SO I JUST WANT TO
8 MONITOR AND WE ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH ANYBODY, TO LISTEN
9 TO ANYBODY.

10 I'VE TALKED TO YOUR CONSULTANT. YOU KNOW, WE
11 HAVE HAD SOME DISCUSSION, ALLOWING ME TO PARTICIPATE IN A
12 LITTLE MEETING WE HAD. SO WE'RE WILLING TO DISCUSS AND
13 TALK WITH ANYBODY IN THE COMMITTEE.

14 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE
15 APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND EFFORT, AND WE WILL ATTEMPT TO
16 TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE AND
17 TO ALLOW THE GREATEST POSSIBLE TIME. AND WE APPRECIATE
18 YOUR COMING IN AND GIVING US THAT MESSAGE.

19 MR. DIAZ: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

20 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
21 LET ME NOTE THE NEXT PERSON I HAVE LISTED HERE IS MR. ROB
22 HOWARD. AFTER MR. HOWARD, I HAVE MR. CLAYTON WHO YOU JUST
23 REFERRED TO. NEXT AFTER MR. CLAYTON WILL BE MR. JOHN A.
24 MALO. SO IF MR. HOWARD IS PRESENT. ALL RIGHT. IS MR.
25 HOWARD PRESENT? IT APPEARS MR. HOWARD IS NOT HERE. IF HE

1 SHOWS UP, WE'LL TAKE HIM A LITTLE BIT LATER. PLEASE
2 UNDERSTAND, THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE
3 TO COME.
4 I'M SORRY. IS THIS MR. HOWARD HERE? OKAY.
5 THAT'S MR. CLAYTON. OKAY. I'M SORRY. I DO RECOGNIZE
6 MR. CLAYTON. EXCUSE ME, MR. CLAYTON.
7 AND THEN AFTER MR. CLAYTON WILL BE MR. MALO,
8 AND AFTER THAT I HAVE MR. ART MORENO.
9 SO, MR. CLAYTON, THANK YOU.
10 MR. CLAYTON: THANK YOU, CHAIRPERSON
11 LONGVILLE. IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY BEFORE YOUR
12 COMMITTEE. I'VE TESTIFIED BEFORE YOUR COMMITTEES OVER THE
13 LAST COUPLE WEEKS, DEALING WITH THE CRITERIA THAT WE'RE
14 GOING TO BE USING IN THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS. I JUST
15 WANT TO NOTE A COUPLE THINGS FOR THE RECORD.
16 I DID TESTIFY ON THE CONCERN DEALING WITH THE
17 CRITERIA THAT YOU PUT FORTH, SPECIFICALLY NO. 8 ON PAGE 4,
18 AVOIDING UNNECESSARY VOTE DEFERRAL. I JUST WANT TO NOTE
19 THAT I DID TESTIFY BEFORE THE SENATE ELECTIONS AND
20 REAPPORTIONMENT, AND I RAISED THE ISSUE AS TO HOW THEY
21 WERE GOING TO TREAT THAT. WAS IT GOING TO BE COLLECTION
22 DATA, OR WAS IT GOING TO BE A CRITERIA. AND THEY'RE
23 TREATING IT AS A COLLECTION OF DATA. THAT WAS WHAT THE
24 CHAIRPERSON TOLD ME ON THE RECORD WHEN I RAISED THAT
25 ISSUE, BECAUSE I WAS WONDERING IF THEY WERE GOING TO BE

1 TREATING IT AS THE ASSEMBLY IS TREATING IT.

2 SO THE CONCERN THAT I HAVE, THAT I RAISED,
3 DEALING WITH WHY THAT IS ONE OF THE EIGHT CRITERIA
4 REMAINS. I BELIEVE THAT IF YOU LOOK AT THE SPECIAL
5 MASTERS REPORT, YOU'LL FIND THAT IT IS NOT MENTIONED AS A
6 CRITERIA THAT WAS USED BY THE MASTERS THAT WERE APPOINTED
7 BY THE STATE SUPREME COURT.

8 ALSO, IT WAS NOT CITED AS A CONCERN, AND I
9 HAVE REVIEWED NUMEROUS CASES AROUND THE UNITED STATES,
10 LOOKING WHERE THAT WAS USED AS A FACTOR TO OVERTURN A
11 REDISTRICTING PLAN. AND I ALSO ASK ON THE RECORD IF
12 ANYBODY FROM YOUR LEGAL TEAM CAN CITE A CASE WHERE IT WAS
13 USED TO OVERTURN. AND, SO FAR, NOBODY HAS TOLD ME THAT IT
14 CAN BE USED. SO I DO AGAIN RAISE THAT ISSUE.

15 AND I WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT ON THE SECOND,
16 THAT IT WAS SAID THAT THAT COULD BE BROUGHT BACK AND
17 LOOKED AT, ALONG WITH OTHER ISSUES OF CONCERN, BECAUSE I
18 BELIEVE IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO PUT IN AS A CRITERIA IF
19 YOU WANT TO COLLECT DATA.

20 ONCE I KNEW THAT THE SENATE WAS JUST GOING TO
21 USE IT FOR DATA COLLECTION, I WITHDREW MY CONCERN BECAUSE
22 I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH DATA COLLECTION. I HAVE A PROBLEM
23 WHEN YOU HAVE PRESERVATION OF GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS AND
24 UNDER YOUR CRITERIA, AVOIDING UNNECESSARY VOTER DEFERRAL
25 MAY BE SAID TO BE EQUAL. AND I DO HAVE A MAJOR CONCERN

1 WITH HOW THAT COULD BE USED.

2 AGAIN, I'VE BEEN THROUGH THE PROCESS. I'VE
3 LOOKED AT HOW THE COURTS HAVE LOOKED AT THESE ISSUES, AND
4 I KNOW THAT WHEN YOU PUT IT IN AS A CRITERIA, COURTS LOOK
5 AT THAT AS A CRITERIA, LIKE THE OTHER CRITERIA THAT IS
6 THERE AND THEY TRY IN MANY CASES TO LOOK AND GIVE
7 DEFERENCE TO WHATEVER CRITERIA THE STATE COMES UP WITH,
8 OBVIOUSLY NOTING THE 14TH AMENDMENT AND THE VOTING RIGHTS
9 ACT HAVE TO BE LOOKED AT VERY CAREFULLY. AND THERE CAN'T
10 BE VIOLATIONS OF EITHER OF THOSE.

11 THE OTHER ISSUE, ONE OF THE CONCERNS -- AND
12 THIS IS JUST A HOUSEKEEPING CONCERN IS I DID RAISE THE
13 ISSUE OF HANDOUTS THAT I HAD RECEIVED, DEALING WITH
14 REDISTRICTING, LEGAL PARAMETERS, AND I HAD SOME CONCERNS
15 ABOUT HOW IT WAS STRUCTURED AND HOW THEY WERE IN MY
16 OPINION PUTTING SOME OF YOUR OWN OPINION IN THERE, WHOEVER
17 YOUR OWN OPINION IS.

18 AND, I NOTE, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THIS HAS NEVER
19 BEEN OFFICIALLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE. I THOUGHT IT
20 WASN'T GOING TO BE OUT AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT THAT'S
21 BEING HANDED OUT. SO I'M RAISING THAT ISSUE FOR THE
22 RECORD WHY IS IT HERE WHEN IT HASN'T BEEN ADOPTED BY THE
23 COMMITTEE. WE DID SUBMIT OUR OWN CONCERNS ABOUT THAT FOR
24 THE RECORD, AND I NOTE THAT THE CONCERNS AREN'T HERE. SO
25 I'M RAISING THAT ISSUE.

1 I THINK IF YOU'RE GOING TO PUT SOMETHING OUT,
2 IT SHOULD GO THROUGH THE PROCESS. IF I HAD KNOWN IT WAS
3 OUT, I WOULD HAVE TESTIFIED ON THE RECORD THAT I FELT THAT
4 THE WAY IT WAS PUT TOGETHER, I HAD MAJOR CONCERNS ABOUT.
5 SOMEBODY READING THIS, A LAYPERSON, AND NOT KNOWING THAT
6 THERE ARE MAJOR CONCERNS ABOUT HOW YOU STRUCTURE THE
7 LANGUAGE AS FAR AS WHAT IS THE LAW RIGHT NOW. BECAUSE WE
8 DID CITE IN OURS, AND I KNOW YOU'VE SEEN IT, THAT WE HAD
9 CERTAIN CASES THAT WE THOUGHT SHOULD BE LOOKED AT IN
10 INTERPRETING THE LAW, INCLUDING THE SPECIAL MASTERS,
11 DEWITT VERSUS WILSON. CROMARTIE, BUSH VERSUS VIERRA.

12 I JUST WANT TO NOTE THAT FOR THE RECORD, WE
13 THOUGHT IF YOU'RE GOING TO PUT THIS OUT, YOU SHOULD ALSO
14 HAVE THOSE REMARKS IN THERE THAT WE HAVE MADE FOR THE
15 RECORD. IT WASN'T JUST US THAT MADE THEM. THERE WERE A
16 NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WERE INTERESTED IN THOSE PARTICULAR
17 CONCERNS.

18 DEALING WITH THE ISSUE STATEWIDE, BECAUSE
19 EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A REGIONAL HEARING, IT STARTS AT THE
20 NORTH AND GOES DOWN. SO THE ISSUES THAT WE'RE RAISING
21 HERE WILL BE RAISED AROUND THE STATE. ONE OF THE KEY
22 ISSUES THAT I WAS INVOLVED IN IN '91 WAS LOOKING TO MAKE
23 SURE THAT THERE WAS NOT A FRAGMENTATION OF COHESIVE
24 MINORITY COMMUNITIES SUCH AS HAPPENED IN THE '81
25 REDISTRICTING AND THE '71 REDISTRICTING.

1 AND, UNFORTUNATELY, THE DEMOCRAT A, B AND C
2 PLAN, THE REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY PLAN, THE GUBERNATORIAL PLAN
3 PUT FORTH BY PETE WILSON ALL DID FRAGMENT THE LATINO
4 COMMUNITY IN A VARIETY OF FASHIONS. SOME OF THEM WERE
5 MORE EGREGIOUS THAN OTHERS. THE CONGRESSIONAL PLAN ALSO
6 HAD SIMILAR PROBLEMS PUT FORTH BY THE DEMOCRATS.

7 THE ACTUAL, THE BEST PLAN THAT I SAW FROM A
8 STANDPOINT OF VOTING RIGHTS ACT, EVEN THOUGH WE DID SAY
9 THAT WE HAD CONCERNS ABOUT IT IN ONE PARTICULAR AREA, WAS
10 THE SENATE PLAN. AND AT THE TIME I TESTIFIED, I DID
11 COMMEND PROTEM ROBERTI FOR HIS THOUGHTFUL APPROACH TO IT.
12 EVEN THOUGH WE DISAGREED IN THE END AND WE CHALLENGED IT,
13 WE SAID THAT WE HAD VERY GOOD DISCUSSIONS AND
14 RELATIONSHIPS WITH HIM AND HIS STAFF, AS FAR AS LISTENING
15 TO OUR CONCERNS. AND WE WERE SORRY WE STILL HAD A
16 PROBLEM WITH ONE MAJOR AREA, WHICH WAS THE CENTRAL VALLEY.

17 THIS TIME, WE HAVE SOMETHING DIFFERENT. WE
18 HAVE A NUMBER OF DISTRICTS THAT WERE CREATED NOT BY THE
19 LEGISLATURE, BUT BY THE COURT. THE COURT DIDN'T CREATE
20 THEM IN A VACUUM. THEY CREATED THEM AFTER REVIEWING THE
21 TESTIMONY OF 13 HEARINGS. THEY ALSO HELD SIX HEARINGS
22 AROUND THE STATE WHERE THERE WAS TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF
23 TESTIMONY. AND THEY LOOKED AT THAT TESTIMONY, BUT THEY
24 LOOKED AT IT IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR STATEWIDE CRITERIA
25 THAT WERE USED IN 1971, THE REINECKE CRITERIA. THEY

1 LOOKED AT IT IN TERMS OF THE CRITERIA THEY PUT FORTH,
2 DEALING WITH WHAT THEY FELT WAS FAIR AND REASONABLE
3 CRITERIA, AND THEY DID LOOK ALSO AT NOT FRAGMENTING
4 MINORITY COMMUNITIES. IN ADDITION TO SECTION 2 AND
5 SECTION 5, THEY LOOKED AT ISSUES DEALING WITH INFLUENCE
6 DISTRICTS TO ENSURE THAT IF THERE WAS A MINORITY COMMUNITY
7 IF IT DIDN'T RISE TO THE SECTION 2 CRITERIA THAT THEY
8 WOULD STILL NOT FRAGMENT THAT COMMUNITY.

9 I THINK THOSE CONCERNS WERE LEGITIMATE THEN.
10 THEY'RE LEGITIMATE NOW, AND THAT'S WHY WE'VE TALKED ABOUT
11 LOOKING AT THE SPECIAL MASTERS REPORT AS PART OF THE
12 CRITERIA, SPECIFICALLY DEALING WITH THE ACR-1 BILL,
13 DEALING WITH THE CRITERIA THAT THE COMMITTEE HAS MOVED
14 FORWARD.

15 I ALSO WANT TO JUST TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT
16 SOME OF THE CONCERNS AROUND THE STATE, DEALING WITH AREAS
17 WHERE WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE VERY STRONG MINORITY
18 COMMUNITIES. I'M NOT GOING TO GO THROUGH ALL OF THEM,
19 BECAUSE THERE ARE QUITE A FEW THAT THE COURT RECOGNIZED IN
20 1991. I WANT TO CITE A COUPLE, THOUGH, THAT I THINK THAT
21 YOU SHOULD PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO.

22 FIRST, JUST GOING FROM THE NORTH, DOWN, I
23 THINK YOU SHOULD BE PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE 14TH
24 ASSEMBLY AND THE 16TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS WHERE THERE IS
25 STRONG AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES, THAT THOSE

1 COMMUNITIES NOT BE FRAGMENTED. AND THAT GOES INTO BOTH
2 THE SENATE AND TO THE ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS WHERE THERE'S
3 TRADITIONAL COMMUNITIES THERE. THOSE COMMUNITIES NEED TO
4 BE RESPECTED AND NOT FRAGMENTED. AND WE'LL BE WATCHING
5 THAT AND WORKING WITH MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN
6 COMMUNITY TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE TREATED FAIRLY DURING
7 THIS PROCESS AND THOSE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST ARE NOT
8 FRAGMENTED.

9 THE NEXT ONE DEALS WITH THE EAST SAN JOSE
10 AREA. THE MASTERS SAW FIT TO KEEP TOGETHER THIS SAN JOSE
11 COMMUNITY, WHICH IS HEAVILY LATINO. IT HAS MANY
12 CHARACTERISTICS: LARGE IMMIGRANT POPULATION, LANGUAGE
13 SPOKEN IN THE HOME, INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE BASICALLY ON THE
14 VARIOUS PROGRAMS, SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM. ALSO, YOU LOOK AT
15 WHO'S ON CHAPTER ONE, DEALING WITH THE SCHOOLS, AND THE
16 ISSUES THERE DEMOGRAPHICALLY ON SOCIOECONOMIC, I THINK
17 SHOW THAT COMMUNITY IS A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST. WE'RE
18 LOOKING TO MAKE SURE THAT COMMUNITY IS NOT FRAGMENTED.

19 THE NEXT ONE OVER THAT THE MASTERS TOOK A
20 VERY CLOSE LOOK AT BECAUSE IT FALLS IN THE SECTION 5
21 COUNTY. MONTEREY IS COVERED UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE VOTING
22 RIGHTS ACT. SALINAS AREA, THE WATSONVILLE AREA, AGAIN,
23 WE'RE WATCHING TO MAKE SURE THAT COMMUNITY THAT THE COURT
24 FOUND WAS A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST IS NOT FRAGMENTED IN ANY
25 WAY, SHAPE, OR FORM.

1 THEN GOING OVER TO THE CENTRAL VALLEY, WE
2 HAVE THE 31ST AND THE 30TH DISTRICTS. AGAIN, WE'RE
3 LOOKING AT THOSE TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE NOT FRAGMENTED.
4 THEY ALSO FALL UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT.
5 PORTIONS OF THEM FALL WITHIN THOSE JURISDICTIONAL AREAS.
6 WE'RE ALSO LOOKING AT THE 20TH CONGRESSIONAL, CONGRESSMAN
7 DOOLEY'S DISTRICT. AGAIN, UNDER SECTION 5, THAT WAS
8 RECOGNIZED IN 1991 APPROPRIATELY BY THE SPECIAL MASTERS.

9 THE 16TH, JIM COSTA'S SEAT, AGAIN, WAS
10 RECOGNIZED BY THE SPECIAL MASTERS AS AN AREA THAT FELL
11 UNDER THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT. THEN GOING THROUGH THE STATE
12 IN A COUPLE OTHER AREAS. I'M NOT GOING TO GO THROUGH THE
13 WHOLE STATE. I DID BACK IN '91 IN MY TESTIMONY BECAUSE
14 WHAT THE DEMOCRATS DID WAS SO EGREGIOUS I THINK WE NEEDED
15 TO DO A DETAILED ANALYSIS, AND THE SAME THING HAPPENED
16 WITH THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN AND ALSO WITH THE REPUBLICAN'S.
17 IT WAS PARTISAN ON BOTH SIDES, AND UNFORTUNATELY LATINOS
18 WERE LEFT OUT OF THE FAIRNESS IN THAT KIND OF A DEBATE.

19 ALSO, ADDITIONALLY, IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA,
20 I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT I MENTIONED THAT SPECIFICALLY
21 IN THE 51ST DISTRICT, THE INGLEWOOD DISTRICT, CURRENTLY
22 HELD BY ASSEMBLYMAN HORTON THAT THAT AREA NOT BE
23 FRAGMENTED. THE 47TH AND 48TH DISTRICTS ALSO HAS VERY
24 STRONG AFRICAN CORE. HERB WESTON AND ROD WRIGHT'S AREA
25 NOT BE FRAGMENTED. THAT SENATOR VINCENT'S, THE 25TH, AND

1 SENATOR MURRAY'S, THE 26TH, ALSO HAS A VERY COHESIVE
2 AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST,
3 THAT THEY BE LOOKED AT VERY CAREFULLY. THAT WE ALSO
4 ENSURE THAT IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY THAT THE
5 CONGRESSIONAL SEAT, CURRENTLY THE 26TH, NOT BE FRAGMENTED
6 WHERE IT HAS A VERY COHESIVE COMMUNITY THAT THE COURTS
7 REVIEWED AND IN THE DRAWING OF THE LINES TOOK THAT
8 COMMUNITY INTO ACCOUNT. AGAIN, THE 20TH SENATE SEAT.
9 ADDITIONALLY, THE 39TH ASSEMBLY SEAT. ALL OF THOSE AREAS,
10 THE COURT RECOGNIZES THERE WERE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST
11 THERE. THERE WERE SOCIOECONOMIC REASONS. THERE WERE A
12 WHOLE VARIETY OF REASONS THE COURT LOOKED AT, BUT THEY DID
13 FIND THOSE AREAS FIT THAT CRITERIA.

14 IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA, THE 79TH DISTRICT WITH
15 THE ADDITIONS THAT WERE TALKED ABOUT BY MR. INZUNZA AND
16 HIS FATHER, I THINK THOSE WERE EXCELLENT REMARKS. I THINK
17 OVERALL THE 79TH, WHEN IT WAS DESIGNED BY THE SPECIAL
18 MASTERS DID LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY OF INTEREST MODEL.
19 AGAIN, SOMETIMES THERE ARE SOME ADDITIONS YOU WANT TO ADD
20 ON, BUT THERE IS A CORE THERE. THERE IS A COMMUNITY WITH
21 THE ADDITIONS THAT WERE TALKED ABOUT TODAY BY SOME OF THE
22 SPEAKERS. MR. INZUNZA'S REMARKS, WHICH I SUPPORT, I THINK
23 THAT AREA SHOULD NOT BE FRAGMENTED. ALSO, THE SAME THING
24 WITH THE 50TH. I THINK THERE WERE SOME CONCERNS THERE
25 DEALING WITH A COUPLE OF THE AREAS THAT WERE RAISED ALSO

1 BY THE COUNCILPERSON FROM THE EIGHTH, THAT I SHARE.

2 I THINK THE OTHER AREA, A COUPLE OTHER AREAS,
3 JUST FOR THE RECORD, THE 32ND DISTRICT, SENATE DISTRICT, I
4 THINK THAT HAS A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST AND SHOULD BE
5 LOOKED AT VERY CAREFULLY AND NOT FRAGMENTED. I THINK THE
6 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CURRENTLY HELD BY CONGRESSMAN
7 BACCA, AGAIN, THERE'S A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST THERE AND
8 SHOULD NOT BE FRAGMENTED.

9 I AM NOT GOING TO GO INTO DETAIL. OBVIOUSLY,
10 IT WOULD TAKE A LONG TIME, BUT I THINK YOU CAN SHOW THERE
11 ARE COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST IN THOSE PARTICULAR AREAS.
12 AND THERE ARE MANY OTHER SEATS. I THINK OUR MAJOR CONCERN
13 AROUND THE STATE IS TO ENSURE THAT WHERE THERE ARE
14 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST, WHERE THERE ARE COHESIVE ALSO
15 MINORITY COMMUNITIES, THAT THOSE COMMUNITIES, WHETHER IT
16 BE AN INFLUENCED DISTRICT OR A DISTRICT THAT COULD BE
17 LOOKED AT AS A SECTION 2 DISTRICT OR SECTION 5 PROTECTION
18 NOT BE FRAGMENTED OR PACKED. THE OTHER ISSUE IS PACKING.
19 WE'RE GOING TO BE WATCHING THAT VERY CAREFULLY TO MAKE
20 SURE THE MINORITY GROUPS ARE NOT PACKED.

21 TWO AREAS TO RAISE. ONE AREA IS IN
22 SAN FRANCISCO, I THINK OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS, THE ASIAN
23 COMMUNITY HAS GROWN AND OTHER AREAS WHERE THERE IS A
24 COMMUNITY OF INTEREST, THE ASIAN COMMUNITY NOT BEING
25 FRAGMENTED IN THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA. ALSO, THERE ARE

1 AREAS OF DISCUSSION AND INTEREST BETWEEN BOTH THE LATINO
2 AND THE ASIAN COMMUNITY IN THE 49TH DISTRICT TO TALK ABOUT
3 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST THERE. THAT WAS DISCUSSED IN
4 '91. FOUR AREAS THAT WERE PREDOMINANTLY ASIAN AND LATINO,
5 AND PREDOMINANTLY HAD MANY SIMILAR CHARACTERISTICS WERE
6 KEPT TOGETHER AND THERE ARE STILL DISCUSSIONS GOING ON
7 ABOUT HOW TO RECONSTRUCT THAT DISTRICT TO DEAL WITH THE
8 VOTING RIGHTS ISSUES THAT ARE THERE RIGHT NOW.

9 THE OTHER THING I WANTED TO COMMENT ON, THE
10 CROMARTIE CASE DOES HAVE A TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON
11 CALIFORNIA. IT HAS AN IMPACT BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS
12 THAT IT DID WAS IF YOU'RE DESIGNING A DISTRICT AND YOU CAN
13 SHOW THAT ONE PARTICULAR GROUP OF DEMOCRATS OR MORE OF
14 LOYAL VOTERS, WHEN YOU DEAL WITH VOTER TURNOUT, YOU CAN
15 DRAW A DISTRICT THAT IS NOT AS COMPACT AS YOU WOULD DO
16 UNDER STRICT SECTION 2, BECAUSE WHAT THEY SAID IS IN NORTH
17 CAROLINA, YOU HAD DEMOCRATS THAT WERE DEMOCRAT IN NAME AND
18 THEN YOU HAD AFRICAN AMERICAN DEMOCRATS AS A PERCENTAGE
19 THAT VOTED A LOT HIGHER. SO THEY ALLOWED A DISTRICT THAT
20 WAS MORE IRREGULARLY SHAPED THAN NORMALLY WOULD SURVIVE
21 SCRUTINY. AND THAT WAS UPHELD BY A FIVE TO.

22 FOUR. AND I JUST WANT TO COMMENT JUSTICE
23 CONNOR CURRENTLY IS ON THE COURT. HOPEFULLY, SHE WILL
24 STAY ON THERE FOR A WHILE. AND I CAN TELL YOU THIS, IF
25 JUSTICE CONNOR RETIRES OR JUSTICE STEVENS OR CHIEF JUSTICE

1 RHENQUIST, OR ANY OF THEM, THERE WILL BE A WAR AT THE
2 SENATE IF THEY TRY TO PUT IN SOMEBODY THAT'S GOING TO GUT
3 THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT. WE KNOW HOW TO FIGHT. WE KNOW HOW
4 TO BLOCK, AND WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST WHEN WE
5 DIDN'T BLOCK.

6 SO JUST FOR THE RECORD, THERE ARE A LOT OF US
7 THAT WOULD NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO GIVE FORTH, AND WE THINK WE
8 HAVE ENOUGH SENATORS THERE THAT CARE ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW
9 THAT THERE WILL BE NOBODY COMING ON THE COURT THAT WILL
10 GUT THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN WATCHING
11 PEOPLE'S RECORDS, AND WE'RE GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT
12 ACT WHICH WAS FOUGHT SO HARD FOR, SECTION 2, SECTION 5,
13 AND THE AMENDMENTS IS NOT GUTTED IN ANY WAY BY THE COURT
14 AND THAT CROMARTIE CONTINUES TO BE THE LAW.

15 THE OTHER POINT I WANT TO MAKE IS JUSTICE
16 O'CONNOR IN BUSH VERSUS VIERRA, THAT'S WHY WE CITED IT.
17 SHE DID ISSUE HER OWN STATEMENT TO FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT
18 JUDGES, LETTING THEM KNOW WHAT SHE THOUGHT. AND SHE SAID
19 YOU CAN CREATE MAJORITY/MINORITY DISTRICTS AS LONG AS YOU
20 FOLLOW TRADITIONAL REDISTRICTING CRITERIA AND RACE IS NOT
21 THE OVERRIDING FACTOR. YOU CAN'T MASK, BUT YOU CAN
22 CREATE.

23 AND MY BELIEF WAS BEFORE CROMARTIE, SHE WAS
24 THE FIFTH VOTE. BASED ON MY READINGS OF HER OVER THE PAST
25 SEVERAL YEARS, ACTUALLY THE LAST SIX OR SEVEN YEARS, I

1 THOUGHT SHE WOULD LOOK AT THAT BECAUSE SHE OFTEN ISSUES
2 HER OWN OPINIONS IN ADDITION TO BEING PART OF THE
3 MAJORITY. SO I'M REALLY HAPPY THAT SHE WENT WITH THE
4 MAJORITY ON THAT. THAT IS THE MAJORITY. THAT IS THE LAW
5 OF THE LAND, AND WE'RE GOING TO BE WATCHING VERY CAREFULLY
6 TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT LAW IS ENFORCED IN CALIFORNIA.

7 WE'RE ALSO GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT THE GAMES
8 THAT WERE MADE UNDER THE SPECIAL MASTERS IN NO WAY ARE
9 TAKEN AWAY FROM THE MINORITY COMMUNITIES THAT FOR THE
10 FIRST TIME WERE NOT FRAGMENTED AROUND THE STATE. THEY
11 WERE KEPT TOGETHER IN MOST INSTANCES.

12 THE OTHER THING THE SPECIAL MASTERS DID, IN
13 SOME CASES, THEY SAID YOU WENT TOO FAR, YOU WENT AND
14 PICKED UP AREAS THAT WERE NOT RIGHT NEXT DOOR. SO THE
15 REASON THE MASTERS WAS UPHELD WAS THEY USED RACE AS A
16 FACTOR BUT NOT AS A PREDOMINANT FACTOR, AS ONE OF THE KEY
17 FACTORS. BUT THEY KEPT THE AREAS THAT WERE GEOGRAPHICALLY
18 REASONABLY FUNCTIONALLY COMPACT.

19 AND THAT CASE IS STILL THE LAW. THAT'S WHY I
20 BRING IT UP AT EVERY HEARING, BECAUSE WHAT THEY DID THERE
21 IS THEY CHANGED THE FACE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE LATINO
22 COMMUNITY. I'LL FINISH WITH THIS. WE HAD FOUR MEMBERS IN
23 1991. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE 19 LATINOS IN THE ASSEMBLY.
24 WE HAD THREE SENATORS. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE SEVEN. THERE
25 ARE A VARIETY OF REASONS THAT HAPPENED: TERM LIMITS, THE

1 ABILITY TO RAISE MONEY IN CONTESTED PRIMARIES. BUT
2 WITHOUT A FAIR REDISTRICTING PROCESS, WITHOUT THE MASTERS
3 COMING IN, BECAUSE OF THE DEADLOCK, WE WOULD NOT HAVE HAD
4 THE GAINS THAT WE MADE TODAY. SO WE'RE GOING TO BE
5 WATCHING THE PROCESS.

6 WE HOPE THAT THE LEGISLATURE DRAWS A FAIR
7 PLAN FOR EVERY COMMUNITY, BUT IF IT DOESN'T, WE WILL BE
8 THERE TO ENSURE THAT THE ISSUES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO THE
9 LATINO COMMUNITY AND ALSO ENSURING THAT OTHER MINORITY
10 COMMUNITIES ARE BEING TREATED FAIRLY UNDER THE LAW THAT
11 SECTION 2 AND SECTION 5 REQUIRES ARE THERE, ARE WATCHED
12 OVER. AND I WILL BE SITTING THERE IN SACRAMENTO THE LAST
13 COUPLE OF WEEKS, JUST LIKE LAST TIME, TESTIFYING. THANK
14 YOU VERY MUCH.

15 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
16 MR. CLAYTON, FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME HERE THIS
17 AFTERNOON.

18 OUR NEXT WITNESS -- EXCUSE ME. I'M GOING TO
19 ALERT THEM AHEAD OF TIME, BUT WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A BRIEF
20 BREAK. BUT JUST SO YOU KNOW, OUR NEXT WITNESS WILL BE
21 MR. JOHN MALO, FOLLOWED BY MR. ART MORENO AND THEN BY
22 MR. PETE FLORES SO THAT YOU CAN BE KIND OF BATER UP,
23 READY.

24 I'M GOING TO MAKE A TEN-MINUTE BREAK TO ALLOW
25 PEOPLE JUST A CHANCE TO STRETCH THEIR LEGS, AND WE WILL

1 RESUME PRECISELY AND SHARPLY BY THIS CLOCK AT 2:30. WE
2 WILL RESUME PRECISELY AT THAT TIME. THANK YOU.

3 (RECESS.)

4 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: WE RECOGNIZE THAT NOT
5 EVERYONE IS IN THE ROOM, BUT I DID GIVE EVERYONE FAIR
6 WARNING WE'D START AT 2:30. IT'S 2:31. SO I'M NOT GOING
7 TO WAIT ANY LONGER.

8 I SAID THAT OUR NEXT WITNESS IS GOING TO BE
9 MR. JOHN MALO. I WAS ADVISED DURING THE BREAK THAT
10 INADVERTENTLY ONE OF THE FORMS HAD BEEN NOT PASSED UP. WE
11 HAVE SKIPPED SOMEONE. SO I'M GOING TO TAKE THAT ONE
12 PERSON FIRST THAT WE INADVERTENTLY SKIPPED. DIANE
13 ARMENTA. IF YOU CAN PLEASE COME FORWARD. WE'LL TAKE YOU
14 RIGHT NOW. I'M SORRY THAT WE APPARENTLY DID NOT HAVE YOU
15 IN ORDER. I APOLOGIZE. YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE TAKEN A
16 LITTLE WHILE AGO. THEN IT WILL BE MR. JOHN MALO AND THEN
17 MR. ART MORENO. I DIDN'T HEAR EARLIER. COULD YOU SPELL
18 YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD, MA'AM.

19 MS. ARMENTA: A-R-M-E-N-T-A. D-I-A-N-E.

20 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
21 YOU HAVE THE MICROPHONE.

22 MS. ARMENTA: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
23 DIANE ARMENTA, AND I'M A RESIDENT OF LOGAN HEIGHTS.

24 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: CAN YOU MAKE SURE THOSE
25 MICS ARE WORKING THERE. I THINK YOU ALMOST HAVE TO

1 SWALLOW THE MICROPHONE. YOU HAVE TO IT RIGHT NEXT TO YOU
2 THERE IN ORDER FOR IT TO PICK IT UP, APPARENTLY.

3 MS. ARMENTA: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
4 DIANE ARMENTA. I AM A RESIDENT OF LOGAN HEIGHTS, AND I
5 WORK IN THE BARIO LOGAN AREA. AND THE PURPOSE OF MY BEING
6 HERE TODAY IS TO STATE, ONE, THAT I'VE LIVED IN LOGAN
7 HEIGHTS ALL MY LIFE AND I WITNESSED THAT COMMUNITY DIVIDED
8 BY A FREEWAY. IT SEPARATED A COMMUNITY THAT WAS ONCE
9 CALLED LOGAN HEIGHTS INTO A SMALLER PORTION, WHICH IS NOW
10 KNOWN AS BARIO LOGAN. BUT THEY'RE BOTH THE SAME. THEY
11 HAVE THE SAME COMMONALITIES ACROSS THE BOARD.

12 SECONDLY, BARIO LOGAN HAS BEEN DEPRIVED
13 ACCESS TO THE BAY. YET, WE ARE PART OF AN ASSEMBLY
14 DISTRICT THAT IS -- IT'S AN UPPER MIDDLE CLASS AFFLUENT
15 COMMUNITY WHERE THEY ARE ABLE TO SWIM IN THEIR WATERFRONT
16 AND ALSO HAVE A THEME PARK, AS WE, IN BARIO LOGAN, HAVE A
17 POLLUTING WATERFRONT THAT HAS ACCESS TO THE BAY.

18 AND, FINALLY, I AM HERE TO REQUEST THAT BARIO
19 LOGAN BE INCLUDED WITH LOGAN HEIGHTS ON YOUR OFFICIAL
20 ASSEMBLY MAP, PUTTING THEM BOTH AS ONE INTO THE 79TH
21 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT. AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

22 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
23 TAKING THE TROUBLE TO BE HERE TODAY AS WELL, AND I
24 APPRECIATE YOUR SPEAKING INTO THE MICROPHONE. I'M SORRY
25 THAT OUR SOUND SYSTEM IS NOT QUITE UP TO SNUFF, BUT I

1 APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING AN EXTRA EFFORT TO MAKE SURE WE CAN
2 GET YOUR REMARKS DOWN ON THE TRANSCRIPT. THANK YOU VERY
3 MUCH.

4 MR. JOHN MALO IS NEXT. I'M GOING TO ASK
5 MR. VARGAS IF YOU CAN TAKE OVER THE CHAIRING FOR A
6 MOMENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7 MR. MALO: THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE AND
8 MEMBERS.

9 I'M JOHN MALO. I'VE LIVED IN THE COMMUNITY
10 OF MIRA MESA, AND I'VE BEEN ACTIVE IN MANY COUNTY AND
11 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEE, AND I'VE SERVED AS
12 EITHER PRESIDENT OR BOARD MEMBER OF SEVERAL OF THEM, SINCE
13 COMING TO MIRA MESA IN 1975 AS A RESULT OF MILITARY
14 SERVICE.

15 TODAY, I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE
16 MIRA MESA TOWN COUNCIL. THE THIRD COUNTY SUPERVISORIAL
17 DISTRICT AND THE COMMUNITY OF MIRA MESA HAVE EXPERIENCED A
18 19-PERCENT GROWTH SINCE THE LAST CENSUS WITH APPROXIMATELY
19 70,000 RESIDENTS IN MIRA MESA AND OVER 625,500 IN THE
20 COUNTY'S THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT.

21 CITY AND COUNTY SOURCES HAVE ESTIMATED THAT
22 WE MUST LOSE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 36- AND 40,000 PEOPLE IN
23 THE FIFTH CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT IN THE THIRD COUNTY
24 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT.

25 THE POSSIBILITY OF SPLITTING MIRA MESA INTO

1 TWO DISTRICTS NOW APPEARS HIGH, AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. AT
2 THE STATE LEVEL, MIRA MESA IS CURRENTLY DIVIDED AT CAMINO
3 RUIZ, ONE OF TWO MAIN STREETS INTERSECTING THE CENTER OF
4 THE COMMUNITY OF MIRA MESA. WE ARE PRESENTLY REPRESENTED
5 BY THE 37TH AND 39TH SENATORIAL DISTRICTS AND THE 78TH AND
6 76TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS.

7 THIS RESULTS IN A SPLIT COMMUNITY ON TOPICS
8 OR ISSUES OF LOCAL CONCERN. WE HAVE TO EDUCATE VARIOUS
9 COMMUNITY RESIDENTS AND GROUPS THAT WE HAVE TWO SENATE AND
10 TWO ASSEMBLY PERSONS TO INTERACT WITH AND TO ASSURE THAT
11 ALL FOUR RECEIVE THE SAME INFORMATION AND NOTICE OF
12 CONCERNS. THIS ALSO EXTENDS TO INVITING ELECTED OFFICIALS
13 TO COMMUNITY EVENT PARTICIPATION.

14 I PARTICIPATED IN COUNTY REDISTRICTING IN
15 1991. AT THAT TIME, TWO COMMUNITIES, ONE IN THE SOUTHEAST
16 PART OF THE COUNTY AND ONE IN THE NORTH, WERE SPLIT BY
17 MAJOR ROADWAYS, PARTICULARLY AT PALOMAR AIRPORT ROAD.
18 SINCE THEN, I HAVE REALIZED THAT THE IMPACT OF SPLITTING
19 COMMUNITIES, WHETHER BY PALOMAR AIRPORT ROAD, OR AS DONE
20 AT THE STATE LEVEL BY CAMINO RUIZ IN MIRA MESA, I STRONGLY
21 BELIEVE THAT SPLITTING A COMMUNITY WHETHER AT A ROADWAY OR
22 FOR OTHER REASONS IS NO LONGER VALID OR FAIR TO THE
23 COMMUNITY.

24 MIRA MESA IS A WELL-BALANCED ETHNIC
25 COMMUNITY, REPRESENTING MOST ETHNIC GROUPS AND RACIAL

1 BACKGROUNDS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO ALLOW MIRA MESA TO BE
2 REPRESENTED AS A SINGLE ENTITY SO THAT WE CAN MORE
3 EFFICIENTLY WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE HARMONY AND CONSENSUS
4 AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT.

5 WE ALSO SHARE A COMMON PROBLEM WITH
6 NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES OF SCRIPPS RANCH, PENASQUITOS,
7 RANCHO BERNARDO AND THE CITIES OF POWAY AND ESCONDIDO. WE
8 ALL SHARE THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OVERPOPULATED
9 I-15 CORRIDOR, ITS ASSOCIATED TRAFFIC CONGESTION, AND THE
10 LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THE POPULATION AND THE
11 LACK OF A VIABLE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

12 I STRONGLY URGE THIS COMMITTEE TO OBSERVE
13 COMMUNITY INTEGRITY AND NOT SPLIT LOCAL COMMUNITIES DURING
14 THE FORTHCOMING REDISTRICTING PROCESS. AND RESTORE
15 COMMUNITY INTEGRITY IN COMMUNITIES LIKE MIRA MESA.

16 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
18 MR. MALO. I APOLOGIZE FOR MISPRONOUNCING YOUR NAME
19 EARLIER. IT'S MALO, I UNDERSTAND, CORRECT?

20 MR. MALO: YEAH. IT'S FRENCH HUNGARIAN
21 MINORITY.

22 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
23 MR. MALO. I APPRECIATE IT. LET ME THEN TAKE MR. ART
24 MORENO WHO IS NEXT. AND SO PEOPLE CAN BE READY AFTER HIM,
25 IT WILL BE MR. FLORES AND THEN MR. MATEO R. CAMARILLO.

1 BY THE WAY, IN FACT, SO THAT PEOPLE CAN BE
2 READY, I HAD A REQUEST DURING THE BREAK, IF YOU DON'T
3 MIND, `MR. MORENO, I'M GOING JUST ASK -- I'M GOING TO READ
4 OFF THE LIST OF PEOPLE WHO WERE WAITING. SOMEBODY ASKED
5 ME TO READ OFF THE LIST IN ORDER. AND THOSE WHO ARE
6 ACTUALLY HERE, IF YOU WANT TO JUST RAISE YOUR HAND AS I
7 CALL YOUR NAME SO OTHER PEOPLE CAN GET AN IDEA HOW LONG
8 THE PROCESS IS GOING.

9 AFTER MR. MORENO, WE HAVE MR. FLORES,
10 FOLLOWED BY MR. CAMARILLO, MATEO CAMARILLO, FOLLOWED BY
11 MS. ROBIN STUTSMAN, WHO ALREADY CAME UP HERE AND INDICATED
12 SHE HAD TO LEAVE AND WON'T BE ABLE TO STAY, UNLESS SHE'S
13 STILL HERE AND CAN MAKE IT. FOLLOWED BY MR. THOMAS
14 MORALES. EXCUSE ME. TOMAS MORALES, I BELIEVE. FOLLOWED
15 BY POPPY DENNIS, FOLLOWED BY MARCO POLO CORTES, MIGUEL
16 VASQUEZ, FOLLOWED BY BEN HUESO, FOLLOWED BY KATHLEEN
17 MCINTOSH. I'M SORRY. IT MAY BE JAMES. I'M NOT CERTAIN.
18 IT IS JAMES JUSTUS. OKAY.

19 FOLLOWED BY JOHN HERRERA, AND ARAIZA, AND
20 COURTNEY ANN COYLE, PAUL CHACON, MIRIAM PLOTKIN, TED
21 CROOKS, MARIA ELENA GONZALEZ, AND RACHAEL HORTEZ. THAT'S
22 THE LIST AS OF THE MOMENT.

23 AND THANK YOU, MR. MORENO. THE MICROPHONE IS
24 YOURS.

25 MR. MORENO: THANK YOU, SIR. MY NAME IS ART

1 MORENO, M-O-R-E-N-O. I'M CURRENTLY WITH THE STATE OF
2 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND ALSO WITH THE
3 BOARD MEMBER FOR THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY HISPANIC CHAMBER OF
4 COMMERCE.

5 FIRST OF ALL, IT'S AN HONOR AND PLEASURE TO
6 BE HERE AMONGST A VERY DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF PEOPLE
7 WITHIN THIS ROOM, AND I DO APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY.

8 I BELIEVE WHAT ALL OF US ARE SPEAKING OF IS
9 COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST, AND WHAT I MEAN BY THAT, I CONCUR
10 AND AGREE WITH RALPH INZUNZA, THE FORMER NATIONAL CITY
11 COUNCILMAN. I ALSO CONCUR AND AGREE WITH DENISE DUCHENY
12 AND ALSO WITH RALPH INZUNZA, THE EIGHTH DISTRICT
13 COUNCILMAN FOR THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO.

14 THE EIGHTH DISTRICT SHOULD BE WHOLLY AND
15 ENTIRELY WITHIN THE 79TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT. I BELIEVE THE
16 79TH SHOULD BE WHOLLY AND ENTIRELY WITHIN THE 50TH
17 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. ALL THESE PEOPLE IN GENERAL SHARE
18 COMMON INTERESTS AND GOALS.

19 NOT ONLY IS IT CULTURAL, THE LANGUAGE, SHARED
20 HISTORY, SOCIOECONOMIC, LANGUAGE, THE IMMIGRATION,
21 TRANSPORTATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT, CHURCHES, CULTURE,
22 ECONOMICS, PARTISANSHIP, AND ETHNICITY, BUT WE ALSO HAVE
23 TO WORK TOGETHER AS A WHOLE AND BE ONE, IF YOU WOULD.

24 THERE'S A LOT OF GOOD TESTIMONY HERE TODAY,
25 AND I AGREE WITH MANY OF THEM. AND I JUST LEAVE YOU WITH

1 THIS THOUGHT, GENTLEMEN. I THINK WE'RE ALL WORKING FOR
2 ONE COMMON GOAL HERE: FOR MY CHILDREN, YOUR CHILDREN, AND
3 OUR CHILDREN, WHETHER IT BE GRANDCHILDREN INCLUDED. AND I
4 BELIEVE THIS PICTURE SAYS IT ALL. THIS CHILD IS REACHING
5 OUT. SHE IS GOING TO BE THE NEXT STATE ASSEMBLY, THE NEXT
6 STENOGRAPHER, THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
7 WHATEVER IT MAY BE. THAT'S THE PEOPLE WE HAVE TO BE
8 CONCERNED ABOUT.

9 THUS, GENTLEMEN, THE ANSWER IS IN THE VERY
10 SOUL OF THE FAMILY EXPERIENCE, ROOTED IN THE FAMILY. OUR
11 GRANDPARENTS SEARCHED FOR A BETTER LIFE FOR OURSELVES AND
12 OUR CHILDREN, FLEEING POVERTY AND HUNGER, PERSECUTION,
13 REVOLUTION, OR MERELY ARRIVING WITH A DREAM OF PURSUING
14 OPPORTUNITY AND IMPROVEMENT. THE FACE OF THE DISTRICTS
15 INCLUDE US.

16 THEREFORE, OUR FAMILIES ARE THE BRIDGE
17 BETWEEN OUR PAST, OUR PRESENT, AND OUR FUTURE. THEY HELP
18 SET OUR STANDARDS AND OUR GOALS, AND WE MUST MAINTAIN AND
19 STRENGTHEN THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF FAMILY LIFE AND
20 CONTINUALLY BE ROLE MODELS FOR OUR CHILDREN SO THAT WHEN
21 THEY REACH THE CROSS ROADS, THEY WILL KNOW WHICH PATH TO
22 TAKE.

23 FURTHERMORE, WE CANNOT SEEK ACHIEVEMENT FOR
24 OURSELVES AND FORGET ABOUT THE PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY FOR
25 OUR COMMUNITY. OUR VISIONS MUST BE BROAD ENOUGH TO

1 INCLUDE THE ASPIRATION AND NEEDS OF OTHERS, FOR THEIR
2 SAKE, AND FOR OUR OWN. THUS, OUR DESTINY HAS BROUGHT US
3 TO THIS COUNTRY, WHETHER IT WAS A GENERATION AGO OR MERELY
4 THIS MORNING.

5 TO EVERYONE, I WISH YOU GOOD HEALTH AND
6 PROSPERITY. AND THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN.

7 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
8 SIR, FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME HERE THIS AFTERNOON. WE
9 APPRECIATE IT. OUR NEXT WITNESS -- BY THE WAY, DID MR.
10 ROB HOWARD RETURN? WE HAD SKIPPED OVER HIM EARLIER.
11 OKAY. HE'S NOT. ALL RIGHT.

12 WE HAVE MR. PETE FLORES WHO WILL BE FOLLOWED
13 BY MATEO CAMARILLO, FOLLOWED BY ROBIN STUTSMAN, WHO I
14 DON'T BELIEVE IS HERE, FOLLOWED BY THOMAS MORALES. TOMAS
15 MORALES. EXCUSE ME.

16 MR. FLORES. OKAY. IF MR. FLORES COMES, WE
17 WILL RECOGNIZE HIM LATER.

18 MR. MATEO CAMARILLO. OKAY.

19 ROBIN STUTSMAN. ALL RIGHT.

20 OKAY. TOMAS MORALES.

21 OKAY. POPPY DENNIS. OUT IN THE HALL?

22 OKAY. IS POPPY DENNIS COMING? OKAY. AND THE NEXT NAMES
23 THAT WILL BE COMING UP AFTER THAT WILL BE MARCO POLO
24 CORTEZ AND MIGUEL VASQUEZ SO THAT PEOPLE CAN BE READY.
25 AND THEN BENJAMIN HUESO. WITH SOME PEOPLE GONE, SO YOU

1 CAN HAVE AN IDEA OF THE NAMES THAT ARE COMING UP SOON.

2 IS POPPY DENNIS PRESENT? WE'LL GO WHENEVER

3 THE PERSON SHOWS UP.

4 NEXT, MR. MARCO POLO CORTEZ.

5 OKAY. MIGUEL VASQUEZ? EXCUSE ME. I'M

6 SORRY.

7 MR. CORTEZ, YOU HAVE THE MICROPHONE.

8 MR. CORTEZ: GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE

9 COMMITTEE, MR. CHAIR. MY NAME IS MARCO POLO CORTEZ, AND

10 I'M A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA, THE SECOND

11 LARGEST CITY IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

12 AS HAS BEEN STATED EARLIER, THE BORDER REGION

13 IS A VERY EXCITING AREA TO LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY. I LIVE

14 IN THE 79TH DISTRICT. JUAN VARGAS IS OUR ASSEMBLYMAN AND

15 REPRESENTS US WELL. I'D LIKE TO ADD MY VOICE TO THE

16 NUMBER OF COMMON INTERESTS FOR THE COMMUNITY SOUTH OF

17 HIGHWAY 94 TO THE U.S. MEXICO BORDER.

18 AS HAS BEEN STATED, THESE COMMUNITIES HAVE A

19 CULTURALLY AND SOCIOECONOMIC BOND THAT UNITES THIS AREA.

20 HISTORICALLY, THESE AREAS HAVE BEEN UNDERSERVED WITH

21 RESPECT TO STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING. BECAUSE OF

22 FRAGMENTED DISTRICTS, WE HAVE FRAGMENTED COMMUNITIES, AS

23 HAS BEEN STATED WITHIN THE EIGHTH COUNCIL DISTRICT, NOT

24 INCLUDING ALL OF BARIO LOGAN AND ISSUES WITH THE 79TH

25 DISTRICT, THE 40TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, AND THE 50TH

1 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

2 THE SOUTH COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO PLAYS A VERY
3 LARGE ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE WITH THE STATE OF
4 CALIFORNIA AND MEXICO. AS IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE
5 SAN DIEGO COUNTY HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, I CAN
6 ATTEST THAT OVER 60 PERCENT OF ALL IMPORTS THAT COME FROM
7 MEXICO, THROUGH OTAY MESA, ALONG THE BORDER ARE DESTINED
8 TO GO THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

9 YET, SOUTH COUNTY IS ASKED TO CARRY THE
10 FINANCIAL AND OTHER STRENUOUS EFFECTS ON OUR LOCAL
11 INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE
12 SHARED COMMUNITY INTERESTS OF THIS AREA ARE BEST SERVED
13 WITH THE 50TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT EXTENDING FROM
14 HIGHWAY 94 SOUTH TO SAN YSIDRO, THAT THE 79TH DISTRICT
15 EXTEND FROM IMPERIAL BEACH TO THE CALIFORNIA/ARIZONA
16 BORDER, AND THAT THE EIGHTH DISTRICT OF SAN DIEGO STAY
17 WITHIN THE 79TH DISTRICT, INCLUDING BARIO LOGAN, AS I HAD
18 MENTIONED.

19 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION TO THIS
20 MATTER.

21 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
22 SIR, FOR TAKING THE TIME TO BE HERE AND SHARE YOUR VIEWS
23 WITH US THIS AFTERNOON.

24 IS POPPY DENNIS IN THE ROOM AT THIS TIME?
25 OKAY. WE MOVE THEN TO MIGUEL VASQUEZ.

1 MR. VASQUEZ: MIGUEL VASQUEZ. THAT'S
2 V-A-S-Q-U-E-Z. I'M A RESIDENT OF GOLDEN HILLS.

3 I WANTED TO SHARE A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE IN
4 REGARDS TO THE THEORY OF COMMUNITY INTEREST. I KNOW THAT
5 YOU HAVE HEARD A LOT OF TESTIMONIAL TODAY PERTAINING TO
6 HOW AND WHY THE COMMUNITY'S INTEREST IS BEST SUITED BY
7 HAVING THE DISTRICT LINES DRAWN FROM EAST TO WEST AND A
8 PORTION OF THE WEST COAST UP TO SAN DIEGO, TO GOLDEN
9 HILLS.

10 THE PERSPECTIVE THAT I WANT TO GIVE IS MORE
11 IN FLOW OF JUST A COMMUNITY MEMBER. PERTAINING TO MYSELF,
12 I'VE LIVED IN SAN YSIDRO, IN CHULA VISTA, PARADISE HILLS.
13 AND NOW AS A RESIDENT OF GOLDEN HILLS, I REALLY DO WANT TO
14 EMPHASIZE HOW THE COMMUNITY HAS, THROUGH MY PERSONAL
15 EXPERIENCE, SEEN GROWTH IN ITS CULTURE, IN ITS
16 MULTI-LANGUAGE, MULTI-LINGUISTIC, AND ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS,
17 IN ITS EDUCATION, AND MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, IN COMING
18 UP WITH SOLUTIONS TOGETHER THAT ARE EQUITABLE TO THE WHOLE
19 COMMUNITY AS IT GROWS AND HAS GROWN THROUGHOUT MY LIFETIME
20 THAT I'VE BEEN HERE AS A LONG LIFE RESIDENT OF THE SOUTH
21 BAY.

22 I THINK THAT BY REDRAWING THE DISTRICT,
23 INCLUDING CHULA VISTA, INCLUDING BARIO LOGAN TO THE
24 DISTRICTS WILL ONLY ENCOURAGE AND NOURISH THE DEVELOPMENT
25 OF WHAT WAS ONCE A MINORITY WITHIN A DISTRICT TO HAVE A

1 MAJORITY COMING UP WITH SOLUTIONS THAT ARE EQUITABLE FOR
2 THEMSELVES.

3 AND I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOUR PANEL TO LOOK
4 INTO WHAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED HERE TODAY, LOOK AT THE
5 IMPORTANCE AND THE VALUE THAT WE BRING TO YOU AS A
6 COMMUNITY, DISCUSSING THOSE THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO
7 US.

8 MY TESTIMONY IS SIMPLY TO BRING YOU THIS. AS
9 A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY, I VALUE MY COMMUNITY. I VALUE
10 THE PEOPLE THAT REPRESENT US, AND THE ONLY WAY THAT WE CAN
11 DO AND HAVE THAT REPRESENTATION FOR OURSELVES AND FOR OUR
12 FAMILIES AND FOR THE GROWTH WITHIN THIS DISTRICT IS BY
13 HAVING THAT EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION.

14 AS A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, AN ECONOMIC
15 DEVELOPMENT MANAGER FOR VARIOUS COMPANIES, I REALIZE THAT
16 THE SOCIOECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS CAN ONLY GROW THROUGH THE
17 PARTNERSHIP OF GOOD GOVERNMENT, AND GOOD GOVERNMENT BRINGS
18 GOOD SOLUTIONS WHEN IT IS WORKING IN UNITY. AND THE ONLY
19 WAY WE CAN HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT IS THROUGH A UNITY OF
20 COMMON DEVELOPMENT. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO LOOK AT THE
21 DEVELOPMENT FROM THE WHOLE REGION OF THE BORDER, AS I'VE
22 SEEN VAST IMPROVEMENTS IN THE POLICIES OF BUSINESS
23 DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT
24 THE WHOLE BORDER REGION. AND IT ONLY MAKES SENSE TO HAVE
25 THOSE CULTURES, THOSE LANGUAGE, THOSE PEOPLE OF MY

1 BACKGROUND TO HAVE THAT EQUAL REPRESENTATION, TO HAVE THE
2 DISTRICT SUCH AS THE 50TH DISTRICTS NOT HAVING CERTAIN
3 COMMUNITIES.

4 NOW, WE'VE HEARD OF COMMUNITIES THAT ARE
5 INCLUDED. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE EXCLUDED IS THE 50TH
6 DISTRICT HAVING EXCLUSION OF PLACES SUCH AS ROLANDO PARK,
7 CITY HEIGHTS, AND SOUTH AND NORTH PARK, CURRENTLY THAT ARE
8 WITHIN THAT DISTRICT. IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. THOSE ARE
9 NOT THE TYPE OF CULTURES AND PEOPLE THAT ARE COMMON OR
10 HAVE A NORMAL COMMONALITY, NOT IN ITS GENERAL
11 DEMOGRAPHICAL MAKEUP OR SOCIOECONOMIC MAKEUP. AND,
12 THEREFORE, ENCOURAGE, AGAIN, THE INCLUSION OF THE BARIO
13 LOGAN AREA AS WELL AS THE INCLUSION OF THE WHOLE BORDER
14 REGION.

15 WITH THAT, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I'D
16 LIKE TO JUST SAY THAT I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW LONG YOU GUYS
17 HAVE BEEN SITTING IN THOSE CHAIRS AND REALLY APPLAUD YOU
18 AND COMMEND YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE TODAY.
19 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

20 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
21 MR. VASQUEZ. YOU'RE VERY KIND. WE'VE DEVELOPED BUTT
22 CALLUSES. IT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

23 WE NEXT HAVE PRESENT MR. HUESO, MR. BENJAMIN
24 HUESO. THEN IF MR. POPPY -- IS IT MS. POPPY DENNIS? MS.
25 POPPY DENNIS, WE'LL TAKE HER NEXT. THEN I HAVE KATHLEEN

1 MCINTOSH AND JOSE MIRELES UP NEXT IN THE BATTERS BOX. MR.
2 HUESO, THE MICROPHONE IS YOURS.

3 MR. HUESO: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GOOD
4 AFTERNOON, DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS BENJAMIN
5 HUESO. I'M A GOLDEN HILLS RESIDENT AND A LIFELONG LOGAN
6 HEIGHTS RESIDENT. THESE ARE TWO COMMUNITIES LOCATED IN
7 THE SAN DIEGO CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT EIGHT, STATE ASSEMBLY
8 DISTRICT 79, STATE SENATORIAL 40, AND U.S. CONGRESSIONAL
9 50. BY OCCUPATION, I'M A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST
10 FOR THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CONCENTRATING IN DISTRICT EIGHT
11 COMMUNITIES. I'M CURRENTLY THE BARIO LOGAN REDEVELOPMENT
12 AREA PROGRAM MANAGER. IT IS WITH EXTREME PLEASURE TO BE
13 ABLE TO TESTIFY ON THIS REDISTRICTING AND HOW IT RELATES
14 TO THE SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES, FOR I BELIEVE THAT IT'S
15 CRUCIAL TO OUR ABILITY TO AFFECT THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF
16 THESE PARTICULAR COMMUNITIES.

17 FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF COMMUNITY AND
18 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT COMBINES BOTH ECONOMICS AND
19 INDIVIDUAL EMPOWERMENT AS THE BASIS BY WHICH RESIDENTS
20 SHOULD BE GROUPED INTO THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES THAT WILL
21 BEST SUIT THEIR FUTURE NEEDS. I BRING TO YOU FIRSTHAND
22 EXPERIENCE ON HOW CITIZENS HAVE BEEN DENIED CERTAIN
23 SERVICES AND DEVELOPMENTS AS A RESULT OF IMPROPERLY
24 DESIGNED DISTRICTS. IT IS MY FIRM BELIEF THAT WE SHOULD
25 ENDEAVOR TO CREATE DISTRICTS THAT SHARE A COMMONALITY

1 THAT MOTIVATES THE RESIDENTS TO CHOOSE A REPRESENTATIVE
2 THAT CAN MOST EFFECTIVELY DEAL WITH THEIR ISSUES. IN
3 CREATING LEGISLATION OR BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE, THOSE
4 COMMUNITIES GROUPED INTO THE SAME DISTRICT SHOULD ALL
5 BENEFIT EQUALLY.

6 IN ADDITION, REPRESENTATIVES THAT HAVE
7 DIFFERENT LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE WORKING TOWARD
8 ACHIEVING THE SAME GOALS. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S
9 HAPPENING NOW. THAT'S WHY I BELIEVE THAT CITY COUNCIL
10 DISTRICT SHOULD BE LOCATED ENTIRELY WITHIN THE STATE AND
11 FEDERAL DISTRICTS. THAT'S NOT THE CASE CURRENTLY.

12 IT'S HARD FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE
13 REDISTRICTING COMMUNITIES ARE ABLE TO BIFURCATE
14 COMMUNITIES IN SUCH A WAY THAT CREATES REPRESENTATION
15 INCONGRUENT TO THE NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS. SUCH A
16 SITUATION HAS BEEN CREATED IN BARIO LOGAN, AS IT'S BEEN MY
17 FIRST TIME EXPERIENCE.

18 ORIGINALLY, PART OF LOGAN HEIGHTS, AS
19 SOMEBODY MENTIONED BEFORE, BARIO LOGAN WAS CREATED BY THE
20 INTRODUCTION OF A FREEWAY THAT BASICALLY CUT THIS
21 COMMUNITY IN TWO. THE GOAL WAS TO SPUR INDUSTRIAL
22 DEVELOPMENT IN THAT SECTOR OF LOGAN HEIGHTS.

23 30 YEARS LATER, BARIO LOGAN HAS NOT ONLY
24 CLUNG ONTO THE RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER, BUT IT HAS REMAINED
25 AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE LOGAN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY, SHARING

1 ECONOMICAL, CULTURAL, PARTISAN, AND SOCIAL SIMILARITIES.

2 30 YEARS LATER, HOWEVER, BARIO LOGAN IS STILL

3 GRAPPLING WITH THE SAME OLD ISSUES AND SOME NEW ISSUES IN

4 ADDITION TO THAT WHICH HAVE COMPOUNDED THE OLD ONES

5 BECAUSE IT FINDS ITSELF SO FAR APART FROM THE OTHER

6 COMMUNITIES, IT'S SCRUPULOUS.

7 BARIO LOGAN DOESN'T HAVE A SINGLE THING TO DO

8 WITH LA JOLLA, YET, THEY'RE IN THE SAME DISTRICT. I MEAN,

9 THAT'S QUITE OUTRAGEOUS, IF YOU REALLY THINK ABOUT IT.

10 THE RESIDENTS OF THIS COMMUNITY HAVE NOT BEEN SEPARATED BY

11 THE ARTIFICIAL BOUNDARY IMPOSED ON THEM IN ANY WAY WHICH

12 WAS INTENDED TO SEPARATE THE COMMUNITY. BUT THEY ARE

13 BEING AFFECTED IN A HUGE WAY BY THE WAY THEY HAVE BEEN

14 SEPARATED IN THE REDISTRICTING BOUNDARIES.

15 RESIDENTS OF LOGAN HEIGHTS ATTEND BARIO LOGAN

16 PAC MEETINGS, WHICH ARE THE PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEES,

17 AND THE RESIDENTS OF BARIO LOGAN ATTEND LOGAN HEIGHTS

18 COMMUNITY MEETINGS BECAUSE THESE COMMUNITIES AFFECT

19 THEMSELVES VERY DIRECTLY.

20 BOTH ARE CONCERNED WITH ISSUES FACING THEIR

21 COMMUNITY. BOTH ARE LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES SHARING A

22 PREDOMINANTLY DEMOCRATIC PARTISANSHIP, HAVING A HIGH

23 CONCENTRATION OF SPANISH SPEAKERS, AND SHARING A COMMON

24 CULTURE. IN A RECENT POLL CONDUCTED PRIOR TO THE PAST

25 NOVEMBER ELECTION IN WHICH 70 REGISTERED BARIO LOGAN

1 VOTERS WERE SURVEYED, 59 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS IN BARIO
2 LOGAN COULD NOT PROPERLY IDENTIFY THEIR STATE ASSEMBLYMAN
3 OR ASSEMBLYWOMAN OR THEIR STATE SENATOR. 41 PERCENT NAMED
4 THE REPRESENTATIVES WHICH CURRENTLY REPRESENT LOGAN
5 HEIGHTS.

6 FROM MY CURRENT EXPERIENCE, THE CASE IS THAT
7 NOW. A LOT OF PEOPLE IN BARIO LOGAN THINK THAT JUAN
8 VARGAS IS THEIR REPRESENTATIVE, AND THE CASE IS NOT SO.
9 HOWARD WAYNE IS THE CURRENT ASSEMBLYMAN IN THAT DISTRICT.

10 IN MY MIND, BARIO LOGAN AND LOGAN HEIGHTS ARE
11 THE SAME COMMUNITY. I THEREFORE URGE YOU TO INCLUDE BARIO
12 LOGAN INTO THE 79TH ASSEMBLY, THE 40TH SENATORIAL, AND THE
13 50TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

14 IN MY PAST COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, I SERVED AS
15 PRESIDENT OF THE INNER CITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, AND THE
16 FOUNDING BUSINESS AND RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS
17 DESIGNATED GOLDEN HILLS, SHERMAN HEIGHTS, GRANT HILLS,
18 STOCKTAN, MEMORIAL, LOGAN HEIGHTS, AND BARIO LOGAN AS THE
19 SERVICE AREA OF THE ASSOCIATION, THE FEELING BEING THAT
20 THE SOCIOECONOMICS OF THESE COMMUNITIES WERE CLOSELY
21 INTERTWINED.

22 WHILE GOLDEN HILLS HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING SOME
23 CURRENT -- SOME RECENT REVITALIZATION, IT STILL REMAINS A
24 VITAL COMPONENT OF THE ECONOMY OF THESE COMMUNITIES AND
25 SHARES SOCIAL AND CULTURAL SIMILARITIES.

1 WHILE GENERAL GEOGRAPHICAL CHARACTERISTICS
2 NATURALLY CLUSTER GOLDEN HILL AMONG THE AFOREMENTIONED
3 COMMUNITIES, GOLDEN HILLS ALSO SHARES ECONOMIC
4 SIMILARITIES. ONE INDICATOR OF THE SIMILARITY TO LOGAN
5 HEIGHTS AND BARIO LOGAN ARE THE BUSINESSES. THEY PROVIDE
6 GOODS AND SERVICES THAT ARE TARGETED PRIMARILY TO HISPANIC
7 RESIDENTS, AS THEY CONSTITUTE THE LARGER CONSUMER
8 POPULATION.

9 LIKE THE NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES, GOLDEN
10 HILLS IS A HIGHLY DEMOCRATIC COMMUNITY. IN ADDITION, ALL
11 THESE SEVEN COMMUNITIES SHARE ANOTHER THING IN COMMON, AND
12 THAT'S THAT THEY'RE ALL PART OF THE FEDERAL ENTERPRISE
13 COMMUNITY, WHICH BASICALLY MAKES DESIGNATIONS ACCORDING TO
14 INCOME, STATUS, AND VITAL STATISTICS WHERE ALL THESE
15 COMMUNITIES HAVE AN ECONOMIC, SOMETHING IN COMMON
16 ECONOMICALLY.

17 APART FROM GOLDEN HILL, EVERYTHING NORTH OF
18 FREEWAY 94 REPRESENTS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT COMMUNITY,
19 FACED WITH ITS OWN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES.

20 WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND IS HOW ARE THE
21 COMMUNITIES OF ROLANDO, CITY HEIGHTS, NORTH PARK, HOW ARE
22 THEY ADDED TO THE 50TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT? IT
23 CONTINUES TO BE A MYSTERY TO ME. I MEAN, THESE ARE
24 COMMUNITIES THAT SHARE NOTHING, ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IN
25 COMMON WITH THE SOUTH BAY COMMUNITIES.

1 I BELIEVE THIS REPRESENTS A DISSERVICE TO
2 BOTH THE NORTHERN COMMUNITIES AND THE SOUTHERN. WHILE NOT
3 ONLY SEPARATED BY ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND PARTISAN ISSUES,
4 THESE COMMUNITIES ARE SEPARATED BY LOCAL ECONOMIC
5 DEVELOPMENTAL GOALS AND CHALLENGES.

6 EVEN WITHIN THEMSELVES, ROLANDO AND NORTH
7 PARK ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT IN INCOME, DISTRIBUTION, AND
8 PROPERTY VALUES. THEY ARE ALSO SEPARATED BY THE GOODS AND
9 SERVICES THEY PROVIDE TO THEIR RESIDENTS, WHICH ARE
10 DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT.

11 AS A PREDOMINANTLY SOUTHERN DISTRICT, THE
12 50TH DISTRICT SHOULD HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE TO ADDRESS
13 BORDER ISSUES IN CONGRESS. WITH THE HIGHLY CHALLENGING
14 BORDER ISSUES AFFECTING THE U.S., CALIFORNIA, AND MORE
15 DIRECTLY THE SOUTHERN COMMUNITIES, THAT DISTRICT SHOULD BE
16 CREATED PRIMARILY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING EFFECTIVE
17 LEADERSHIP ON THAT HIGHLY SENSITIVE ISSUE.

18 I RECOMMEND THAT THE AREA OF THE 50TH
19 DISTRICT BE EXPANDED ALONG THE BORDER AND THAT IT EXCLUDE
20 THE NORTHERN COMMUNITIES. I BELIEVE THE SAME IS TRUE FOR
21 THE 79TH DISTRICT. THIS IS A HIGHLY SOUTHERN DISTRICT,
22 AND THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS DISTRICT HAS THE
23 RESPONSIBILITY TO ADDRESS THE BORDER ISSUES WHICH ARE SO
24 CLOSELY INTERTWINED WITH THE COMMUNITIES, WITH THE
25 ECONOMICS, AND THE SOCIAL FABRICS OF THOSE AFFECTED

1 COMMUNITIES. WITHIN THE 79TH, IT'S FAIR TO SAY THAT
2 NATIONAL CITY IS ONE COHESIVE COMMUNITY AND SHOULD NOT BE
3 SPLIT IN HALF.

4 I'D LIKE TO PUT FURTHER STRESS ON THE FACT
5 THAT A LOT OF THESE SOUTH BAY COMMUNITIES ARE AFFECTED
6 VERY, VERY DIRECTLY BY THE ACTIVITIES ALONG THE BORDER,
7 AND THEY NEED TO REALLY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ELECT A
8 REPRESENTATIVE THAT IS WELL VERSED IN THE AREA OF BORDER
9 ISSUES.

10 SO I'D LIKE TO FURTHER END BY REINFORCING THE
11 NOTION THAT COMMUNITIES SHOULD NOT BE SPLIT. ONE SMALLER
12 DISTRICT SHOULD BE LOCATED ENTIRELY WITHIN A LARGER ONE,
13 TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION AND GROUPING COMMUNITIES OF
14 INTEREST. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A
15 GREAT DAY.

16 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
17 MR. HUESO, FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME HERE TODAY. WE
18 APPRECIATE THAT. ALSO, IN CASE YOU MAY HAVE BEEN OUT OF
19 THE ROOM EARLIER, I JUST WANTED TO SHARE WITH YOU THAT THE
20 LINES THAT CURRENTLY EXIST WERE NOT ACTUALLY DONE BY THE
21 LEGISLATURE. THEY WERE DONE BY THE COURTS.

22 MR. HUESO: ACTUALLY, THAT CAME TO MY
23 ATTENTION A FEW MINUTES AGO.

24 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: JUST THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE
25 TO BE AWARE OF THAT. NONE OF US WHO ARE UP HERE WERE IN

1 THE LEGISLATURE TEN YEARS AGO, BUT WE STILL KIND OF FEEL
2 AN OBLIGATION TO DEFEND THE INSTITUTION AS A WHOLE.

3 MR. HUESO: WE HOPE IT DOESN'T GET CAUGHT UP
4 IN THE COURTS AS IT DID TEN YEARS AGO.

5 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU AGAIN FOR
6 TAKING THE TIME TO BE HERE. MS. DENNIS? OKAY.

7 THEN I GO TO MS. KATHLEEN MCINTOSH NEXT. IS
8 MS. MCINTOSH IN THE ROOM?

9 OKAY. JOSE MIRELES IS NEXT. THEN GEORGE
10 GASTIL. MR. GASTIL IS NEXT. WHILE HE'S APPROACHING, LET
11 ME JUST READ OFF SOME OF THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE WE'VE
12 SKIPPED OVER, BECAUSE IF YOU'VE RETURNED, CALL OUR
13 ATTENTION, AND WE'LL RECOGNIZE YOU NEXT.

14 THE PEOPLE WE'VE SKIPPED OVER INCLUDES
15 MS. POPPY DENNIS, MR. ROB HOWARD, MR. PETE FLORES, MR.
16 MATEO CAMARILLO, MS. ROBIN STUTSMAN, AND MR. TOMAS
17 MORALES. IF ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE IS IN THE ROOM, PLEASE
18 RAISE YOUR HAND, AND WE'LL RECOGNIZE YOU NEXT.

19 MR. GASTIL, FOLLOWED BY THE NEXT PEOPLE UP
20 WILL BE JORGE LUIS PARRA, R. DANIEL HERNANDEZ OR JAMES
21 JUSTUS, WHICHEVER IS HERE.

22 MR. GASTIL, YOU HAVE THE MICROPHONE.

23 MR. GASTIL: THANK YOU. I'M REALLY GLAD TO
24 BE HERE, AND I WANT TO SAY THAT I AM ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF
25 THE LEMON GROVE SCHOOL BOARD. ALTHOUGH I ONLY SPEAK FOR

1 MYSELF. I DON'T THINK I'M UNIQUE IN THAT REGARD. I THINK
2 VERY OFTEN THOSE OF US THAT ARE ELECTED OFFICIALS NEED TO
3 REMEMBER THAT WHEN WE COME BEFORE A HEARING LIKE THIS,
4 UNLESS WE'VE GONE THROUGH SOME OFFICIAL ACTION, UNLESS OUR
5 AGENCY HAS TAKEN ACTION ON THESE ITEMS, WE ARE IN FACT
6 SPEAKING FOR OURSELVES. AND THAT'S REALLY CRITICAL TO
7 REMEMBER.

8 I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE ABOUT THE STUDENTS OF
9 LEMON GROVE. WE OFTEN TALK ABOUT VOTERS, WHAT THEY DO AND
10 WHAT THEY DON'T DO. BUT I'D LIKE TO TALK FOR A MINUTE
11 ABOUT SOME PEOPLE THAT CAN'T VOTE BUT THAT ARE EXTREMELY
12 IMPORTANT WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE FUTURE. THESE ARE OUR
13 STUDENTS IN THE LEMON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT. AND I SHOULD
14 NOTE THAT LEMON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS A LITTLE BIT
15 BIGGER THAN THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE. IT'S MOSTLY IN THE
16 77TH, BUT IT ALSO INCLUDES A SMALL PART OF CHRISTINE
17 KEHO'S' DISTRICT AND ALSO, JUAN, AS YOU KNOW, PART OF YOUR
18 DISTRICT.

19 THE LEMON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS 35.3
20 PERCENT WHITE, AND I SHOULD NOTE THAT THAT AMORPHOUS
21 CATEGORY INCLUDES A LOT OF MIDDLE EASTERN PEOPLE, A LOT OF
22 PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT OF EUROPEAN DESCENT AND DO NOT IN FACT
23 HAVE ENGLISH AS THEIR FIRST LANGUAGE. IT INCLUDES 22.4
24 PERCENT AFRICAN AMERICAN OR I SHOULD SAY AFRICAN AND
25 AFRICAN AMERICAN. 22.4 PERCENT. IT IS 32.3 PERCENT

1 HISPANIC, ANOTHER VERY DIVERSE CATEGORY. AND THE OTHER
2 GROUPS THAT ARE SMALL BUT STILL SIGNIFICANT ARE FILIPINOS
3 AT 3.8 PERCENT, PACIFIC ISLANDERS AT 2 PERCENT, ASIANS AT
4 3.4 PERCENT, AND WE HAVE SLIGHTLY UNDER 1 PERCENT NATIVE
5 AMERICAN. I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT LEMON GROVE IS A
6 DIVERSE COMMUNITY. I THINK THAT'S PRETTY SAFE TO SAY.

7 I ALSO WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT WHEN WE TALK
8 ABOUT LEMON GROVE AND THE LEMON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND
9 WE TALK ABOUT THE STUDENTS, WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT ONE
10 SIDE AND THE OTHER SIDE. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A COMMUNITY
11 THAT REALLY HANGS TOGETHER. AND THIS IS ILLUSTRATED IF
12 YOU LOOK AT OUR SCHOOLS.

13 OUR MOST LILY WHITE SCHOOL, AND I SAY THIS
14 JOKINGLY, IS 43 PERCENT WHITE. THE LOWEST PERCENTAGE OF
15 WHITE IS 29 PERCENT. NOT MUCH DIFFERENCE FROM ONE SIDE TO
16 THE OTHER. HISPANICS RANGE FROM 37.7. YOU CAN ROUND THAT
17 OFF TO 38 PERCENT AT THE HIGHEST CONCENTRATION, TO 31
18 PERCENT, AT THE LOWEST. BASICALLY, A THIRD OF THE
19 STUDENTS, WHEREVER YOU GO. THE AFRICAN AMERICAN
20 POPULATION, RANGES FROM A HIGH OF 28 PERCENT TO A LOW OF
21 15 PERCENT.

22 I THINK THAT WHEN YOU LOOK AT OUR SCHOOLS,
23 YOU'LL SEE THE FUTURE. WHEN YOU LOOK INTO OUR CLASSROOMS,
24 YOU WILL SEE EVERY COLOR REPRESENTED, AND YOU WILL SEE
25 STUDENTS NOT ONLY ARE THEY AT THE SCHOOL, BUT THEY ARE

1 INTERACTING TOGETHER. THEY ARE WALKING HOME FROM SCHOOL
2 TOGETHER. IN MANY CASES, THEY HAVE PARENTS THAT ARE OF
3 DIFFERENT COLORS. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OUR DIVERSITY, AND
4 I THINK THAT WHEN YOU LOOK AT WHAT DO YOU WANT CALIFORNIA
5 TO BE LIKE TEN YEARS DOWN THE LINE, 20 YEARS DOWN THE
6 LINE, I THINK WHAT WE WANT IS DIVERSITY. I THINK WHAT WE
7 WANT IS COMMUNITY.

8 AND HOW IS THIS SORT OF DIVERSITY GOING TO BE
9 REPRESENTED IN THE LEGISLATURE? I REALLY WANT TO
10 EMPHASIZE THAT WHILE IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO PRESERVE WHAT
11 THEY CALL MAJORITY, MINORITY, HEAVILY LOW INCOME, STRONGLY
12 DEMOCRATIC DISTRICTS, THOSE ARE IMPORTANT. ALSO, WE ARE
13 GOING -- WE ARE CERTAIN TO HAVE WHITE AFFLUENT DISTRICTS,
14 BUT I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT YOU CAN'T JUST
15 EXPECT THOSE TWO EXTREMES OF CALIFORNIA TO GO TO
16 SACRAMENTO, WORK EVERYTHING OUT FOR THE INTERESTS OF
17 CALIFORNIA. YOU NEED MORE MIDDLE GROUND. YOU NEED
18 COMMUNITIES LIKE LEMON GROVE TO BE WELL REPRESENTED
19 BECAUSE WE'RE REALLY THE KEY TO HAVING THIS STATE FUNCTION
20 AND GET ALONG IN THE NEXT CENTURY. COMMUNITIES LIKE OURS
21 ARE THE KEY, I BELIEVE.

22 LET ME EMPHASIZE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT OUR
23 COMMUNITY IN THE FACT THAT OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, OUR
24 STUDENTS OF COLOR HAVE GROWN IN NUMBER IN THE LAST TEN
25 YEARS. SO SINCE THE MAPS WERE DRAWN, WE'VE ACTUALLY

1 BECOME MORE DIVERSE AND MORE A STUDENT BODY THAT NO ONE
2 GROUP, NO ONE GROUP CAN CLAIM A MAJORITY OF.

3 AND LET ME ALSO EMPHASIZE THAT WHEN WE TALK
4 ABOUT LEMON GROVE, WE HAVE A CITY CALLED LEMON GROVE THAT
5 IS MOST OF THE LEMON GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT, BUT ALSO OUR
6 SCHOOL DISTRICT OVERLAPS WITH THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO AND
7 THE FOURTH CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT.

8 OUR STUDENTS, WHO BY THE WAY, GO TO
9 MT. MIGUEL HIGH SCHOOL IN SPRING VALLEY AND HELIX
10 HIGH SCHOOL IN THE SOUTHERN END OF LA MESA, OUR STUDENTS
11 OVERLAP VERY MUCH WITH THE CITIES OF SAN DIEGO AND
12 LA MESA. AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO KEEP THAT
13 ORIENTATION IN MIND.

14 ONE OF THE EARLIER SPEAKERS SAID THAT LEMON
15 GROVE LOOKS EAST. WELL, THE TRUTH IS THAT WE LOOK IN MANY
16 DIRECTIONS. MANY OF US WORK IN THE SOUTH BAY. MY WIFE
17 AND I, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE MOSTLY BEEN EMPLOYED IN THE SOUTH
18 BAY. IN FACT, I CAME HERE FROM SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE. I
19 WAS TEACHING AT THEIR NATIONAL CITY HIGHER EDUCATION
20 CENTER. MANY OF US WORK IN SAN DIEGO ALSO, IN THE CITY OF
21 SAN DIEGO. IT'S TRUE THAT WE VERY OFTEN SHOP AT PARKWAY
22 PLAZA OR WHATEVER.

23 BUT I THINK THAT IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO
24 REMEMBER THAT LEMON GROVE IS RIGHT AT THE HEART OF
25 SAN DIEGO, AND WE'RE VERY MUCH CONNECTED TO THE CITY OF

1 SAN DIEGO AND POINT SOUTH AS WELL AS POINT EAST.
2 OUR AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY MIGHT BE
3 PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE. EVEN THOUGH ONLY 22.4
4 PERCENT OF OUR STUDENTS ARE AFRICAN AMERICAN, THAT IS
5 ACTUALLY THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN
6 THE COUNTY. YOU LOOK AROUND THE STATE, AND THERE REALLY
7 AREN'T VERY MANY WHOLE SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT HAVE OVER 20
8 PERCENT AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS, AND I WOULD SAY THAT A
9 HIGH PRIORITY OF OUR DISTRICT, ONE IN FACT THE STATE OF
10 CALIFORNIA HAS COME DOWN ON US FOR OF HIGH PRIORITIES, TO
11 IMPROVE THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF PEOPLE OF COLOR,
12 INCLUDING AFRICAN AMERICANS. AND OUR DISTRICT IS TRYING
13 VERY HARD TO SERVE ALL STUDENTS.

14 AND I THINK THAT WHEN WE HAVE COMMON GROUND
15 WITH OTHER AREAS THAT MIGHT HAVE HEAVY NUMBERS OF AFRICAN
16 AMERICANS AND ALSO OTHER PEOPLE OF COLOR, WE HAVE COMMON
17 GROUND, WE HAVE COMMON CONCERNS. SO I WOULD FEEL VERY
18 COMFORTABLE WITH US BEING CONNECTED TO THE FOURTH CITY
19 COUNCIL DISTRICT IN SAN DIEGO, FOR EXAMPLE, AND VERY
20 COMFORTABLE WITH US BEING CONNECTED WITH SOUTH SPRING
21 VALLEY, WHICH IS A MULTI-ETHNIC, VERY DIVERSE KIND OF
22 COMMUNITY. AND WHEN I SAY SOUTH SPRING VALLEY, I MEAN
23 SOUTH OF 94.

24 LEMON GROVE ALSO FITS WELL WITH THE EAST/WEST
25 ORIENTATION THAT SOME OF THE EARLIER SPEAKERS HAVE SAID

1 THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE. THAT RAISES A QUESTION HOW
2 FAR EAST DO YOU WANT TO GO.

3 IF YOU LOOK AT COMMUNITIES THAT ARE VERY MUCH
4 TO THE EAST OF US, WE ARE IN FACT EXTREMELY DIFFERENT.
5 LEMON GROVE DOES NOT BELONG WITH COMMUNITIES SUCH AS JAMUL
6 OR ALPINE THAT IN FACT ARE STILL MOSTLY WHITE AND MOSTLY
7 AFFLUENT AND DO VOTE VERY STRONGLY REPUBLICAN. LEMON
8 GROVE VOTED FOR ALBERT GORE WITH A MAJORITY AND ALSO GRAY
9 DAVIS. THIS IS BEFORE THE DEREGULATION, OF COURSE. VOTED
10 FOR GRAY DAVIS. AND I'LL GRANT YOU THAT THE NUMBERS THERE
11 ARE ROUGHLY 53 PERCENT FOR MR. GORE AND A LITTLE UNDER 55
12 PERCENT FOR MR. DAVIS. NOT AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY, BUT
13 IT DOES HAVE A DEMOCRATIC LEANING, AND I THINK THAT WE ARE
14 BETTER OFF WITH OTHER DISTRICTS THAT HAVE AT LEAST A
15 DEMOCRATIC LEANING OR THAT MAY BE IN FACT VERY COMPETITIVE.

16 WE SHOULD NOT BE GROUPED WITH AREAS THAT ARE
17 STRONGLY REPUBLICAN BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING TO VOTE FOR THE
18 OTHER PERSON EVERY TIME, AND THIS IS IN PARTICULAR A
19 PROBLEM BECAUSE IN LEMON GROVE, WE DON'T CAST AS MANY
20 VOTES PER PERSON, PER POPULATION, AS A COMMUNITY LIKE
21 ALPINE OR JAMUL OR EL CAJON, FOR THAT MATTER.

22 IF YOU LOOK AT THE STATISTICS, LOOK AT THE
23 POPULATION NUMBERS AND THEN LOOK AT HOW MANY PEOPLE
24 ACTUALLY VOTE. OKAY. LEMON GROVE, OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT
25 ONLY CAST 11,000 VOTES. OUR CITY CAST 9,000 VOTES, AND

1 IT'S NOT JUST BECAUSE WE'RE A RELATIVELY SMALL CITY. YOU
2 COMPARE US TO OTHER AREAS AROUND, AND YOU'LL FIND THAT IN
3 FACT PART OF THE PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE IF WE'RE CONNECTED
4 WITH WHAT ARE CALLED OTHER EAST COUNTY COMMUNITY, WE HAVE
5 A PROBLEM IN THAT WE UNDERVOTE. WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE
6 THAT ARE CHILDREN. WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT
7 CITIZENS, AND, FRANKLY, WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT MOVE
8 AROUND A LOT AND FOR A VARIETY OF -- DEMOGRAPHERS CAN TELL
9 YOU WHAT ALL THE FACTORS ARE. WE JUST DO NOT CAST AS MANY
10 VOTES AS A COMMUNITY. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR A
11 COMMUNITY LIKE LEMON GROVE TO GET EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION
12 IF WE ARE MATCHED WITH PEOPLE THAT OUTVOTE US.

13 I WANT TO REALLY CAUTION THE COMMITTEE ABOUT
14 LINKING US TO THE EAST COUNTY BECAUSE MY CONCERN IS THAT
15 WE WOULD BE THE POOR COUSINS AT THE FAMILY REUNION. I
16 THINK THAT THE IDEA OF DIVIDING DISTRICTS AT 94 IS
17 PROBABLY A SOUND IDEA. I WOULD BE THE FIRST PERSON TO SAY
18 THAT THERE ARE SOME COMMUNITIES NORTH OF 94 THAT MIGHT BE
19 SIMILAR TO LEMON GROVE, BUT THE FACT IS IF YOU KEEP
20 LA MESA AS A UNIT, WHICH I THINK PEOPLE WILL WANT TO DO,
21 IF YOU KEEP LA MESA AS A UNIT, THEN REALISTICALLY, LA MESA
22 IS WASTED MORE IN THE OTHER DIRECTION.

23 BUT I KNOW REALISTICALLY YOU HAVE TO REACH
24 THE MAGIC NUMBER, SOMEWHERE AROUND 424,000 PEOPLE, AND YOU
25 WILL HAVE TO COMBINE COMMUNITIES THAT MAY NOT BE ALL THAT

1 SIMILAR. I UNDERSTAND THAT, THAT THAT'S A REALITY YOU
2 GUYS HAVE TO DEAL WITH. SO I WOULD SAY PROBABLY YOU WILL
3 HAVE TO MATCH US UP WITH SOME AREAS THAT MAY NOT SEEM TO
4 BE QUITE THE SAME. BUT KEEP SOME THINGS IN MIND.

5 IF YOU LOOK AT ACTUAL VOTING PATTERNS, LEMON
6 GROVE IS MORE SIMILAR TO SWEETWATER DISTRICT. IN FACT, WE
7 VOTED 53 PERCENT FOR AL GORE. SWEETWATER UNION
8 HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHAT THEY CALL THE SOUTH BAY, VOTED
9 53 PERCENT FOR AL GORE. WE'RE NOT VOTING THAT DIFFERENT.
10 SO MAYBE YOU SHOULD CONSIDER ORIENTING US IN THAT
11 DIRECTION.

12 I THINK THAT IT'S ALSO REALISTIC THAT WE
13 MIGHT INCLUDE SOME PARTS OF EAST COUNTY, MAYBE EL CAJON,
14 MAYBE LA MESA. BUT PLEASE BE REALISTIC. IF YOU INCLUDE
15 TOO MUCH OF WHAT YOU CALL THE EAST COUNTY, WE WILL BE
16 OVERWHELMED. WE WILL BE TAKEN OVER, AND WE WILL NOT HAVE
17 EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION. SO PLEASE BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU
18 PUT OUR LITTLE CITY, BECAUSE I REALLY BELIEVE -- I DON'T
19 THINK I'M JUST BEING CENTRIC HERE -- I REALLY BELIEVE THAT
20 OUR LITTLE CITY IS A MICROCOSM OF WHAT THE FUTURE OF THE
21 STATE IS. AND COMMUNITIES LIKE OURS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED
22 WELL IN THE LEGISLATURE. I'D REALLY LIKE TO SEE THAT.

23 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

24 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
25 MR. GASTIL. AND JUST TO VERIFY FOR THE RECORD, THE

1 SPELLING OF YOUR LAST NAME IS G-A-S-T-I-L?

2 MR. GASTIL: YES. THANK YOU.

3 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: OKAY. MR. GEORGE

4 GASTIL. THANK YOU. I'M ASSUMING WHEN YOU INDICATED THAT

5 PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY HAD VOTED FOR GRAY DAVIS BEFORE

6 THE DEREGULATION, IT WASN'T ACTUALLY BEFORE 1996? IT WAS

7 BEFORE THEY STARTED FEELING THE EFFECTS?

8 MR. GASTIL: BEFORE IT BECAME SUCH A HOT

9 TOPIC.

10 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR

11 INTENT WAS. WE HAVE NEXT MR. JORGE LUIS PARRA IF HE'S

12 PRESENT. R. DANIEL HERNANDEZ. JAMES JUSTUS. MR. JUSTUS

13 IS NEXT. AND THEN LET ME READ THE NAMES THAT FOLLOW MR.

14 JUSTICE SO PEOPLE CAN BE AWARE. JOHN HERRERA. AL

15 ARAIZA. COURTNEY ANN COYLE, SO PEOPLE CAN KIND OF BE

16 BATTERED UP.

17 MR. JUSTUS, THE MICROPHONE IS YOURS.

18 MR. JUSTUS: GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN,

19 HONORABLE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. MY NAME IS JAMES JUSTICE,

20 THAT'S J-U-S-T-U-S. I LIVE IN SHERMAN HEIGHTS. THAT'S

21 ONE OF SAN DIEGO'S OLDEST COMMUNITIES. THAT'S IN THE 79TH

22 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT. MR. VARGAS IS MY ASSEMBLY REP. I'M

23 SELF-EMPLOYED. I'M IN THE AUTO REPAIR BUSINESS. I'VE

24 LIVED AND WORKED IN THE SHERMAN HEIGHTS AREA FOR THE PAST

25 15 YEARS.

1 I FIRST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THE
2 TIME TO SPEAK HERE TODAY ABOUT THE STATE ASSEMBLY
3 DISTRICTS AND HOW WE CAN KEEP COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST
4 TOGETHER. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE INNER CITY BUSINESS
5 ASSOCIATION WHERE I SERVE AS THE CURRENT PRESIDENT. WE
6 HAVE 90 MEMBERS IN LOGAN HEIGHTS, BARIO LOGAN, SHERMAN
7 HEIGHTS, GRANT HILL, MEMORIAL, AND THE STOCKTON
8 NEIGHBORHOODS.

9 THESE ARE ALL LOW INCOME, ETHNICALLY DIVERSE
10 NEIGHBORHOODS. IN 1986, AN ENTERPRISE ZONE WAS
11 ESTABLISHED TO SERVE THESE COMMUNITIES. THE ENTERPRISE
12 ZONE ALLOWS BUSINESSES TO RECEIVE TAX CREDITS AND OTHER
13 BENEFITS FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THESE
14 BENEFITS ENCOURAGE BUSINESSES TO, NUMBER ONE, CREATE JOBS,
15 AND THEREBY BEING ABLE TO HIRE MORE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY
16 PEOPLE FROM OUR OWN NEIGHBORHOODS. NUMBER TWO, TO UPGRADE
17 OUR BUSINESS INFRASTRUCTURE AND TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES
18 TO OUR CUSTOMERS. NUMBER THREE, TO REINVEST OUR TAX
19 DOLLARS INTO OUR COMMUNITY. AND, FOUR, TO ENCOURAGE
20 BUSINESSES TO RELOCATE OR START UP IN OUR COMMUNITY.

21 THE ENTERPRISE ZONE IS A COMMUNITY OF SIMILAR
22 INTERESTS, BUT IT CURRENTLY IS DIVIDED INTO TWO ASSEMBLY
23 DISTRICTS.

24 I WOULD LIKE THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER MY
25 THREE HUMBLE SUGGESTIONS. NUMBER ONE, TO INCLUDE BARIO

1 LOGAN, WHICH IS A VERY LARGE ENTERPRISE ZONE, INTO THE
2 79TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT. THIS WOULD PUT OUR ENTERPRISE
3 ZONE IN A SINGLE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.

4 NUMBER TWO, TO MAKE THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF
5 THE ENTERPRISE ZONE COINCIDE WITH THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF
6 THE 79TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.

7 AND, NUMBER THREE, TO LOCATE THE SAN DIEGO
8 CITY COUNCIL EIGHTH DISTRICT WHOLLY WITHIN THE 79TH
9 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.

10 THE ENTERPRISE ZONE IS THE HEART OF OUR
11 COMMUNITY, AND SINCE MANY OF THE PROGRAMS ARE ADMINISTERED
12 BY THE STATE, WE FEEL THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE THE
13 ENTERPRISE ZONE ENCOMPASSED INTO ONE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT,
14 THEREBY MAKING IT A MORE COHESIVE AND UNITED ENTITY.

15 I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE TIME YOU'VE GIVEN
16 ME HERE TODAY, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOU GUYS
17 SITTING HERE FOR THE LAST FOUR OR FIVE HOURS. I WENT OUT
18 AND CAME BACK A COUPLE TIMES. SO I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING
19 THROUGH. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND GOD BLESS
20 YOU.

21 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
22 YOUR TIME, MR. JUSTUS, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.
23 AND, BELIEVE ME, ALL OF US WHO ARE SITTING UP HERE WORKED
24 VERY HARD TO GET INTO THE POSITION THAT WE'RE IN TO BE
25 ABLE TO SIT HERE. SO WE HAVE NO COMPLAINTS. THANK YOU

1 VERY MUCH FOR ALLOWING US TO REPRESENT YOU. AND WE
2 APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.

3 NEXT, I HAVE MR. JOHN HERRERA.
4 H-E-R-R-E-R-A, CORRECT?

5 MR. HERRERA: THAT IS CORRECT, CHAIRMAN
6 LONGVILLE AND DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THANK
7 YOU SO MUCH FOR GRANTING ME THESE FEW MINUTES TO ADDRESS
8 YOU. MY NAME IS JOHN HERRERA, H-E-R-R-E-R-A. I'M THE
9 CHAIRPERSON OF THE 74TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT IN NORTH
10 SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

11 THE 74TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT ENCOMPASSES A
12 LARGE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA RIGHT NOW. HOWEVER, WE SPLIT SOME
13 OF OUR CITIES IN THE NORTHERN BORDER WITH THE 73RD
14 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT. WE'RE LOSING A GREAT AMOUNT OF THE
15 CITY OF OCEANSIDE TO THEM. WE LOSE A SMALL PORTION OF
16 CARLSBAD, WHICH IS ACTUALLY MORE SOUTHERN THAN THE 73RD
17 SHOULD BE, AND WE LOSE A PORTION OF VISTA, A NORTHERN
18 PORTION OF VISTA TO THE 73RD ASSEMBLY DISTRICT. IN
19 ADDITION, WE LOSE SOME TO THE 66TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, AND
20 I THINK SOME OF THE AREAS ENCOMPASSING ESCONDIDO ARE LOST
21 TO THE 75TH AS WELL.

22 WE HAVE SUBMITTED A FORMAL PROPOSAL FOR A
23 REDISTRICTING OF OUR 74TH AREA, WHICH WOULD ENCOMPASS -- I
24 DON'T KNOW WHETHER THIS CAN BE PUT UP ON THE BOARD --
25 ANYTHING SOUTH OF THE BORDER OF CAMP PENDLETON IN

1 OCEANSIDE. OF COURSE, THE WEST, ALONG THE COAST, TO
2 VIA DE LA VALLE, WHICH IS JUST NORTH OF DEL MAR, AND THEN
3 ENCOMPASSING THE EAST BOUNDARIES OF SAN DIEGUITO,
4 CARLSBAD, SAN MARCOS, AND VISTA.

5 THIS IS IN KEEPING WITH THE CRITERIA
6 REQUESTED BY THE BOARD FOR PROPOSALS. IT IS A SOLID
7 PROPOSAL. IT WILL MEET THE NEEDS OF THE FOLKS OF THE
8 74TH. WE HAVE DISPROPORTIONATELY BEEN MISREPRESENTED IN
9 THE 74TH BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT HAD A DEMOCRAT ELECTED TO
10 THAT DISTRICT SINCE MID 1960S. AND THAT WAS BY A FLUKE OF
11 DEMOCRACY, AN ACCIDENT OF DEMOCRACY.

12 WE ASK, PLEASE, LOOK AT OUR PROPOSAL VERY
13 SERIOUSLY, CONSIDER IT VERY SERIOUSLY. AND WE WANT TO
14 POINT OUT THAT OUR POPULATION IS VERY DIVERSE. WE HAVE
15 ASIAN AMERICANS. WE HAVE AFRICAN AMERICANS, LATINOS. WE
16 HAVE KOREANS, JAPANESE, CHINESE, VIETNAMESE, IRANIANS, AND
17 ALL OF THE ETHNIC GROUPS REPRESENTED THEREIN. CAUCASIANS,
18 CERTAINLY, OF COURSE, AND ALL OF THE RELIGIOUS GROUPS. WE
19 HAVE MUSLEMS MOSQUES, WE HAVE JEWISH TEMPLES, AND WE HAVE
20 CATHOLIC AND PROTESTANT FACILITIES IN THE NORTH SAN DIEGO
21 COUNTY.

22 SO, PLEASE, WHEN YOU CONSIDER THIS, THINK OF
23 AMERICA AS A MELTING POT, AND NORTH COUNTY IS THE
24 BEGINNING OF THAT MELTING POT. BUT WE NEED EQUITABLE
25 REPRESENTATION FOR OURSELVES.

1 THANK YOU.

2 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
3 TAKING THE TIME TO BE HERE TODAY AS WELL. WE VERY MUCH
4 APPRECIATE IT, MR. HERRERA.

5 AND WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A QUICK BREAK TO
6 ALLOW OUR COURT REPORTER TO TRADE PLACES. WE'VE WORN OUT
7 ONE. WE'LL TAKE A BRIEF BREAK HERE AND RESUME AS SOON AS
8 THE COURT REPORTER TELLS US WE'RE READY.

9 (RECESS AND CHANGE OF REPORTERS.)

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1 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA; FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2001; 3:30 P.M.

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3 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: WE WILL MOVE ON THEN TO -- LET
4 ME READ THE LIST OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE -- WHO WERE NOT
5 HERE. I'M GOING TO DO THIS ONE OR TWO MORE TIMES AND THAT
6 WILL BE IT, BUT I JUST WANT TO GIVE THEM A CHANCE. PEOPLE
7 WHOSE NAMES WE CALLED BEFORE AND DIDN'T SHOW UP: ROB
8 HOWARD, PETE FLORES, MATEO CAMARILLO, ROBIN STUTSMAN,
9 TOMAS MORALES, MS. POPPY DENNIS, KATHLEEN MCINTOSH, JOSE
10 MIRELES, JORGE LUIS PARRA, AND R. DANIEL HERNANDEZ. IF
11 ANY OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE PRESENT, RAISE YOUR HAND.

12 OKAY. AND THEN MOVE ON THEN TO MR. AL
13 ARAIZA. IF MR. ARAIZA IS NOT IMMEDIATELY HERE, COURTNEY
14 ANN COYLE?

15 OKAY. PAUL CHACON?

16 OKAY. MIRIAM PLOTKIN? MS. PLOTKIN IS NEXT.
17 AND AFTER MS. PLOTKIN, NAMES I HAVE LISTED HERE INCLUDE
18 TED CROOKS, MARIA ELENA GONZALEZ AND RACHAEL ORTIZ, IF ANY
19 OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE PRESENT. AND, MS. PLOTKIN, YOU HAVE
20 THE MIKE.

21 MS. PLOTKIN: MY NAME IS MIRIAM PLOTKIN,
22 M-I-R-I-A-M, PLOTKIN, P-L-O-T-K-I-N. AND I SIT HERE OR
23 STAND HERE TODAY BECAUSE I'M A VOTER. I ALSO WEAR A FEW
24 HATS. I'M WEARING ANOTHER ONE PHYSICALLY TODAY.

25 MY POINT IS THAT I WOULD LIKE STRAIGHT LINES

1 TO BE DRAWN: AREA CODE LINES, FREEWAY LINES, TOWN LINES,
2 ZIP CODE LINES. I AM TIRED OF BEING AN EXCEPTION. I AM
3 TIRED OF EXPLAINING EXCEPTIONS, AND I AM TIRED OF DRIVING
4 AND DRAWING EXCEPTIONAL LINES. I AM TIRED OF ENCOURAGING
5 VOLUNTEERS TO WORK IN ONE DISTRICT VERSUS ANOTHER
6 DISTRICT. AND WHEN I SAY, "BY THE WAY, WOULD YOU PLEASE
7 MAKE THESE TEN CALLS," THEY SAID, "OH, IT'S LONG
8 DISTANCE."

9 ONE DISTRICT -- AND THIS HAPPENS TO BE THE
10 STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT -- IS CURRENTLY IN THREE AREA
11 CODES. I KNOW OF ANOTHER STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICT WHICH
12 HAS A STRAIGHT LINE THROUGH A FREEWAY, EXCEPT FOR TWO
13 BLOCKS. THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN THOSE TWO BLOCKS FEEL
14 THAT THEY OUGHT TO BELONG AS AN EXCEPTION ON THE OTHER
15 BLOCK, BUT THEY DON'T. THEREFORE, BECAUSE OF THE STATE
16 ASSEMBLY LINES, THEY HAVE TROUBLE, AS I THINK A PREVIOUS
17 SPEAKER ALSO SAID, GETTING CITY SERVICES, GETTING STATE
18 SERVICES. AND IF YOU'RE LOOKING AT CONGRESSIONAL
19 SERVICES, THEY'RE EVEN HAVING TROUBLE WITH POST OFFICES.

20 THEIR CITY STREET HAS NOT BEEN PAVED. THEIR
21 CITY SEWERS HAVE NOT BEEN DONE, AND THEIR CITY -- THEY
22 NEED TO DRIVE, IN ONE CASE I KNOW, IN ORDER TO JUST GET
23 MAIL RECEIVED, IT'S ANOTHER SEVEN BLOCKS. THOSE IS WHAT
24 YOUR DISTRICTING -- AND I KNOW THAT WE'RE HERE MAINLY FOR
25 THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, STATE ASSEMBLY, AND A LITTLE

1 BIT ON THE STATE SENATE, AND A LITTLE BIT ON
2 CONGRESSIONAL, BUT THESE THINGS ARE LONG-TERM EFFECTS, AND
3 I FEEL THAT I SPEAK FOR MYSELF AS A VOTER. AND I COULD BE
4 LIVING IN THAT PARTICULAR HOUSE OR THOSE PARTICULAR
5 DISTRICTS.

6 I BELIEVE IN STRAIGHT LINES. I BELIEVE IN
7 STRAIGHT FACTS, AND I BELIEVE IN STRAIGHT DISTRICTS.
8 PLEASE, AGAIN, CONSIDER AREA CODES, CONSIDER FREEWAYS,
9 CONSIDER TOWNS. I WAS LOOKING AT YOUR STATISTICS, AND I'M
10 HAPPY TO SAY THAT I WAS PRESENT IN THE ROOM WHEN YOU
11 MENTIONED THAT THE CENSUS TRACKS WERE -- OR THE CENSUS
12 STATISTICS WERE GOING TO BE AT LEAST QUESTIONED. I KNOW
13 THAT, AS A CENSUS WORKER, AS A TEMPORARY WORKER A YEAR
14 AGO, I WALKED PARTS OF SANTEE. AND IN MY AREAS, I HAD
15 MORE THAN 74 VOTERS IN SANTEE AS AN INCREASE. AND
16 ACCORDING TO YOUR STATISTICS, THERE ARE ONLY 74 VOTERS AS
17 AN INCREASE IN SANTEE. I DON'T HAPPEN TO LIVE IN SANTEE,
18 BUT I HAVE SEEN IT GROW AND GROW. THEY NOW HAVE THREE
19 MORE FREEWAYS THAN THEY DID TEN YEARS AGO.

20 I ALSO WANT YOU TO LOOK AT THE ZIP CODE
21 LINES. ONE ZIP CODE IS IN FOUR DISTRICTS. I THINK THAT'S
22 A LITTLE BIT MUCH. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE BOARD OF
23 EQUALIZATION. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE SMALLER DISTRICTS
24 WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING AT THAT.

25 AGAIN, I'M TIRED OF BEING AN EXCEPTION, OF

1 EXPLAINING EXCEPTIONS, AND OF DRIVING FAR DISTANCES AND
2 DRAWING EXCEPTIONAL LINES. WHEN I START SAYING, "YES,
3 THIS IS WHO REPRESENTS YOU, EXCEPT IF YOU LIVE IN THESE
4 THREE BLOCKS, EXCEPT IF YOU LIVE IN THESE THREE ZIP CODES,
5 EXCEPT IF YOU LIVE IN THESE THREE AREA CODES."

6 MY E-MAIL ADDRESS IS THE NO. 2, MIRIAM,
7 M-I-R-I-A-M, THE NO. 2, @HOME.COM. IF YOU HAVE ANY
8 QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT A STRAIGHT LINE IS, PLEASE CONTACT
9 ME. THANK YOU.

10 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
11 MS. PLOTKIN. WE APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING THE TIME TO COME
12 HERE AND WOULD NOTE IF YOU PERHAPS MAY HAVE NOT BEEN IN
13 THE ROOM EARLIER, AT THE TIME EARLIER THIS WAS NOTED, THAT
14 THE CURRENT LINES WERE DRAWN BY THE COURTS. WE WOULD JUST
15 NOTE THAT IT WAS APPOINTED BY THE COURTS, NOT BY THE
16 LEGISLATURE.

17 AND OUR NEXT WITNESS IS MR. TED CROOKS. IS
18 MR. CROOKS PRESENT?

19 THEN I HAVE MARIA ELENA GONZALEZ. IS
20 MS. GONZALEZ PRESENT? AFTER MS. GONZALEZ, THE NEXT NAMES
21 I HAVE -- SO WE CAN HAVE PEOPLE BEING PREPARED -- RACHAEL
22 ORTIZ, CATHY KENNERSON, GRACIA MOLINA DE PICK, AND JAVIER
23 ANGULO.

24 AND, SO, MS. GONZALEZ, YOU'RE UP.

25 MS. GONZALEZ: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIA

1 ELENA GONZALEZ. I LIVE IN SAN YSIDRO. I WORK IN BARIO
2 LOGAN. I CAME HERE TODAY TO ASK FOR THE REDISTRICTING OF
3 BARIO LOGAN TO THE 79TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT.

4 I HAD A VERY LONG LIST OF REASONS WHY I FEEL
5 THAT IT SHOULD BE ADDED TO THAT DISTRICT, BUT THE SPEAKERS
6 THAT CAME BEFORE ME SAID EVERYTHING THAT I HAD ON MY
7 LIST. SO I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT WORKING IN LOGAN
8 HEIGHTS, SEEING THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, SEEING THAT
9 THEY ARE NOT MET LIKE THEY SHOULD BE, I FEEL THAT IF BARIO
10 LOGAN IS ADDED TO THE 79TH DISTRICT, ITS NEEDS WILL BE MET
11 FAR BETTER BECAUSE OF THE COMMONALITIES BETWEEN LOGAN
12 HEIGHTS AND SAN YSIDRO AND NATIONAL CITY, AND I WOULD LIKE
13 TO REQUEST THAT LOGAN HEIGHTS BE ADDED TO THE 79TH
14 DISTRICT. THANK YOU.

15 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
16 MS. GONZALEZ. AND I WILL TELL YOU THAT I'M SURE MANY OF
17 THE PEOPLE IN THE AUDIENCE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU
18 DIDN'T FEEL IT NECESSARY TO REPEAT THE THINGS YOU'D HEARD
19 OTHER PEOPLE SAY. WE OFTEN FIND OURSELVES IN A SITUATION
20 WHERE THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO BE SAID, BUT THERE ARE
21 PEOPLE LEFT WHO HAVEN'T SAID IT. AND SO WE APPRECIATE
22 THAT. THAT WAS VERY KIND OF YOU.

23 MS. GONZALEZ: THANK YOU.

24 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: WE APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING THE
25 TIME TO WAIT AS WELL.

1 OUR NEXT WITNESS IS MS. RACHAEL ORTIZ. AND
2 AFTER MS. ORTIZ, CATHY KENNERSON.

3 MS. ORTIZ: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RACHAEL
4 ORTIZ. I GREW UP IN LOGAN HEIGHTS, AND I HAVE WORKED IN
5 LOGAN HEIGHTS FOR 31 YEARS WITHOUT INTERRUPTION. I AM
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BARIO STATION IN BARIO LOGAN AT
7 2175 NEWTON AVENUE, SAN DIEGO.

8 IN MY WORK, I PREPARE MANY PROPOSALS FOR
9 FUNDING REFERENCING STATISTICS ON TRENDS WITHIN OUR
10 SERVICE AREA WHICH INCLUDES ALMOST THE ENTIRE 79TH
11 ASSEMBLY DISTRICT. COMMONALITIES AMONG THE 79TH
12 COMMUNITIES ARE THE SAME AS TWO COMMUNITIES THAT ALSO
13 SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE 79TH, BEING BARIO LOGAN AND
14 NATIONAL CITY, A SMALL PORTION EXISTING EAST OF 805 IN THE
15 NATIONAL CITY AREA.

16 BARIO LOGAN IS LOGAN HEIGHTS. SHE'S OFTEN
17 REFERRED TO AS MOTHER LOGAN. IN THE LATE '60S, SUDDENLY
18 THE I-5 FREEWAY WAS PLACED THROUGH LOGAN HEIGHTS, LEAVING
19 BARIO LOGAN AS AN ORPHAN TO EXIST WITHOUT RESOURCES AND
20 NEIGHBORHOOD JUSTICE, AND PLACED WITHIN AN ASSEMBLY
21 DISTRICT OF BEACH-FRONT PROPERTIES, UPPER-MIDDLE-CLASS
22 COMMUNITIES, AFFLUENT, NOT AT ALL COMMON WITH BARIO
23 LOGAN. WE HAD TO FIGHT FOR WATER ACCESS IN A SMALL --
24 THROUGH A SMALL PORTION -- A SMALL PART BENEATH THE
25 CORONADO BRIDGE. WE CANNOT SWIM IN OUR WATER. IT'S

1 COVERED WITH WATERFRONT INDUSTRY.

2 NATIONAL CITY SHOULD BE TOTALLY REPRESENTED BY

3 THE 79TH DISTRICT FOR THE VERY SAME REASON. THEY, TOO,

4 HAVE BEEN LEFT ALONE TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES, INSTEAD OF

5 BEING WITH THE WEST SIDE OF 805, WHERE NUMEROUS

6 COMMONALITIES EXIST, WHICH I WILL BE REFERENCING HEREIN.

7 THROUGHOUT THE 79TH, THERE EXISTS HOUSING

8 AUTHORITY PROGRAMS DUE TO THE LOW INCOME AND POVERTY

9 LEVELS THERE. SECTION 8 PROGRAMS ARE IN PROGRESS ALL THE

10 WAY FROM SAN YSIDRO BORDER THROUGH SOUTH SAN DIEGO,

11 NATIONAL CITY; IN PARTICULAR, ON THE EAST SIDE OF 805,

12 THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED, AND BARIO LOGAN.

13 OUR IMMIGRANT TRENDS ARE THE SAME. WE SPEAK

14 COMMON LANGUAGES OF SPANISH AND ENGLISH. OUR SCHOOL

15 PRINCIPALS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATORS, AS WELL AS PERSONNEL,

16 ARE CULTURALLY COMPETENT AND LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT AND

17 SENSITIVE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE 79TH STUDENTS.

18 WE SEEK THE SAME AMENITIES AS MARKETS THAT

19 SELL MEXICAN FOODS AND PRODUCTS. WE PATRONIZE

20 MEXICAN-OWNED BUSINESSES. WE SHARE THE CHRISTIAN

21 RELIGION, OBSERVE SPECIAL CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS: ASH

22 WEDNESDAY, HOLY FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS LASTING THROUGH

23 JANUARY 12TH, AND MOTHER'S DAY BEING RECOGNIZED ON

24 MAY 10TH NO MATTER WHAT. MY GRANDMA ALWAYS CELEBRATED

25 MAY 10TH AS HER BIRTHDAY AND EVENTUALLY FORGOT HER TRUE

1 DATE OF BIRTH DUE TO HARD-LINE COMMITMENT TO THE MEXICAN
2 MOTHER'S DAY OF MAY 10TH.

3 WE CELEBRATE MEXICAN HOLIDAYS AS WELL AS THE
4 AMERICAN HOLIDAYS. OUR CHILDREN ARE EXPOSED THROUGHOUT
5 THE 79TH TO HIGH-RISK COMMUNITY FACTORS OF DRUGS, GANGS,
6 VIOLENCE. AND OUR CHILDREN ARE EXCEPTIONALLY VULNERABLE
7 WITHIN THESE AREAS DUE TO OUR CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE
8 MEXICAN BORDER, WHERE GOODS CROSS OVER, MEANING
9 CONTRABAND.

10 I ASK THAT YOU UTILIZE THE ENTERPRISE ZONE --
11 AND THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT -- TO UTILIZE THE ENTERPRISE
12 ZONE AS A NORTHERN BORDER FOR THE 79TH DUE TO ITS INTENT
13 OF HIRING RESIDENTS WITHIN THE EZ ZONE FOR EMPLOYERS' TAX
14 BREAKS, AND DUE TO ITS MORE AND MORE EMERGING POPULATION
15 THAT IS COMPARABLE TO THE REST OF THE "E" ZONE, SUCH AS
16 SHERMAN, BARIO LOGAN, LOGAN HEIGHTS.

17 LATINOS ARE BECOMING THE PREDOMINANT CULTURE
18 HERE, AND THAT PART OF GOLDEN HILLS, AS WELL THE SAME
19 HIGH-RISK COMMUNITY FACTORS MENTIONED ABOVE, THEY ARE ALSO
20 FOUND IN GOLDEN HILLS. THIS COMMONALITY IS VERY CRITICAL
21 IN DETERMINING EMPLOYMENT AND INCOME LEVELS THAT REFLECT A
22 DEFINITE TREND SOUTH OF THE ENTERPRISE ZONE'S NORTHERN
23 BORDER.

24 IN CLOSING, I RECOMMEND THAT BARIO LOGAN AND
25 NATIONAL CITY, AND A SMALL NORTHERN BORDER OF GOLDEN HILLS

1 ENTERPRISE AREA, BE INCLUDED IN THE 79TH DISTRICT.

2 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

3 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING
4 THE TIME TO COME HERE, MS. ORTIZ. WE APPRECIATE IT.

5 AND OUR NEXT WITNESS IS MS. CATHY KENNERSON,
6 AND AFTER MS. KENNERSON WILL BE GRACIA MOLINA DE PICK AND
7 THEN JAVIER ANGULO.

8 THE MICROPHONE IS YOURS, MS. KENNERSON.

9 MS. KENNERSON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN,
10 AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE
11 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK HERE TODAY. I'M CATHY KENNERSON, AND
12 I'M THE CEO OF THE EL CENTRO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHICH IS
13 IN THE BEAUTIFUL IMPERIAL VALLEY. SO I'M GOING TO TAKE
14 YOU EAST A LITTLE BIT.

15 SINCE WE ARE A SMALL POPULATION AND WE
16 REPRESENT A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF AN ASSEMBLY DISTRICT, WE
17 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IMPERIAL COUNTY IS KEPT TOGETHER.
18 AND I WANT TO SPEAK TODAY IN SUPPORT OF AN EAST/WEST
19 ALLIANCE WITH AN ASSEMBLY REDISTRICTING. OUR CHAMBER OF
20 COMMERCE HAS MEMBERSHIP OF OVER 800 BUSINESSES IN IMPERIAL
21 COUNTY AND, ALSO, SOME REPRESENTING SAN DIEGO AS WELL.

22 OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, THE IMPERIAL
23 VALLEY HAS DEVELOPED A CLOSE PARTNERSHIP WITH SAN DIEGO,
24 ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IF YOU
25 LOOK AT SAN DIEGO AND YOU LOOK AT THEIR GROWTH PLANS, IN

1 ABOUT 20 YEARS, THEY WILL BE BUILT OUT. AND THE ONLY
2 PLACE THAT SAN DIEGO HAS TO DEVELOP WOULD BE EAST, AND
3 WHAT'S EAST IS IMPERIAL COUNTY. AND SO OUR PLANS ARE TO
4 WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SAN DIEGO FOR OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH
5 AND, ALSO, IN OUR EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS AS WELL.

6 SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY HAS A CAMPUS IN
7 IMPERIAL VALLEY, AND WE WORK VERY CLOSELY WITH THEM IN
8 DEVELOPING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR BUILDING SKILLS
9 AMONGST OUR WORKERS. SO THAT'S ANOTHER LIAISON THAT WE
10 HAVE WITH THE SAN DIEGO AREA.

11 ALSO, WE SHARE A SIMILARITY WITH SAN DIEGO IN
12 THAT WE ARE A BORDER COMMUNITY, AND WE ARE DEVELOPING
13 GREATER TIES WITH MEXICALI. IN OUR RECENT MEETING WITH
14 THE MAYOR OF MEXICALI, VICTOR HERMOSILLO, HE STATED HIS
15 SUPPORT OF THE PARTNERSHIPS THAT WERE DEVELOPING NOT ONLY
16 WITH MEXICO, BUT ALSO WITH SAN DIEGO, AND ALSO ENCOURAGED
17 US TO DEVELOP THE PARTNERSHIP WITH TIJUANA AS WELL. WE
18 HAVE A LOT IN COMMON. THE GROWTH OF MEXICALI AND IMPERIAL
19 COUNTY ARE CODEPENDENT ON EACH OTHER, AS WELL AS THE
20 GROWTH OF IMPERIAL VALLEY CODEPENDENT ON SAN DIEGO.

21 ALSO, WE HAD A MEETING WITH ERNESTO RUFFO, WHO
22 HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT FOX OF MEXICO, TO WORK ON
23 BORDER ISSUES. SO, AGAIN, WE HAVE A SIMILARITY WITH
24 SAN DIEGO IN TERMS OF THE BORDER ISSUES.

25 AND AS I SAID EARLIER, I REPRESENT THE CHAMBER

1 OF COMMERCE. SO THIS NEXT STATEMENT ISN'T COMFORTABLE TO
2 MAKE, BUT THE REALITY IS, WE ALSO HAVE A CLOSE
3 RELATIONSHIP IN TERMS OF SHOPPING. A LOT OF PEOPLE FROM
4 IMPERIAL COUNTY COME OVER THE HILL, AS WE SAY, AND DO A
5 LOT OF SHOPPING IN SAN DIEGO. WE'RE TRYING TO CHANGE
6 THAT, BUT THE REALITY IS STILL THERE. SO BASED UPON THE
7 WORK THAT THE CHAMBER HAS DONE IN WORKING WITH SAN DIEGO,
8 WE'VE HAD MEETINGS WITH, FOR INSTANCE, SAN DIEGO CONNECT,
9 WHICH IS A TECHNOLOGY ORGANIZATION BRINGING IN HIGH TECH
10 TO SAN DIEGO.

11 WE'VE ALSO BEEN VERY INVOLVED WITH UCS ON
12 SAN DIEGO DIALOGUE. SO WE ARE VERY ACTIVE IN DOING THAT,
13 AND WE FEEL THAT THE LIAISON IN EAST/WEST WOULD BE TO OUR
14 BEST BENEFIT IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS
15 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. AND WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE
16 SHOPPING LATER.

17 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE TIME. I HADN'T REALLY
18 PLANNED TO BE HERE TODAY. I WAS AT A ROTARY CONFERENCE.
19 OUR DISTRICT IN IMPERIAL COUNTY IS IN SAN DIEGO. SO I WAS
20 OVER HERE FOR A ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE, AND I RECEIVED
21 A PHONE CALL FROM A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, ASKING IF COULD I
22 PLEASE COME OVER HERE AND TESTIFY. AND I SAID, "SURE.
23 I'D BE HAPPY TO." AND I TRULY AM HAPPY TO TESTIFY HERE
24 TODAY ON BEHALF OF IMPERIAL COUNTY. THANK YOU.

25 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH,

1 MS. KENNERSON, FOR TAKING THE TIME TO BE HERE AS WELL.

2 WE HAVE NEXT GRACIA MOLINA DE PICK. IS GRACIA

3 PRESENT?

4 OKAY. JAVIER ANGULO OR ANGULO. EXCUSE ME FOR

5 BUTCHERING YOUR NAME, SIR. IF YOU CAN CORRECT ME, I'D

6 APPRECIATE IT.

7 MR. ANGULO: HELLO. MY NAME IS JAVIER ANGULO. BY

8 THE WAY, I CAN'T PRONOUNCE IT, EITHER, BECAUSE IT'S

9 BASQUE. SO I DON'T KNOW. THEY DON'T SPEAK SPANISH OVER

10 THERE, EITHER.

11 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: COULD YOU SPELL IT FOR US.

12 MR. ANGULO: YEAH. MY FIRST NAME IS J-A-V-I-E-R,

13 AND MY LAST NAME IS ANGULO, A-N-G-U-L-O.

14 AND I'M A TEACHER RIGHT HERE AT MEMORIAL, AND

15 IF I LOOK TIRED, IT'S BECAUSE I HAD A WONDERFUL DAY WITH

16 ENERGETIC EIGHTH GRADERS. SO I LOOK A LITTLE BIT TIRED,

17 BUT IT WAS A WONDERFUL DAY. DON'T GET ME WRONG.

18 BUT THE REASON I'M HERE IS TO TELL YOU THAT

19 I'M A TEACHER. I TEACH EIGHTH GRADE AT MEMORIAL, WHICH IS

20 LOCATED IN LOGAN HEIGHTS. IT'S A JUNIOR HIGH. AND I

21 SERVICE -- I SEE A LOT OF KIDS FROM BARIO LOGAN, LOGAN

22 HEIGHTS, SOUTH CREST AND THOSE AREAS. AND I'M ALSO THE

23 VICE PRINCIPAL OF THE PTA, AND OUR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

24 HAVE A LOT OF THINGS IN COMMON: LANGUAGE, VALUES,

25 CUSTOMS. THEIR RELIGION IS THE SAME WITH THE KIDS FROM

1 LOGAN HEIGHTS. IN FACT, YOU HAVE FAMILIES THAT LIVE -- I
2 MEAN IN LOGAN HEIGHTS AND IN BARIO LOGAN. IT'S BASICALLY
3 ONE COMMUNITY THAT'S BEEN SPLIT.

4 ALSO, I'M ALSO HERE TO TELL YOU THAT I FEEL A
5 LOT OF THE COMMUNITIES NORTH OF 94 ARE NOT SIMILAR TO THE
6 KIDS AND THE PARENTS THAT I SERVICE OR THAT I SEE SOUTH OF
7 94. I DO HAVE A LOT OF STUDENTS FROM GOLDEN HILL. SO YOU
8 SEE A LOT OF -- I SEE A LOT OF PARENTS FROM THAT AREA, BUT
9 YOU GO TO NORTH PARK, IN THAT AREA, THEY'RE VERY, VERY
10 DIFFERENT. IN FACT, MY KIDS DON'T EVEN TRAVEL THERE.
11 THEY FEEL LIKE THEY DON'T BELONG. AND SO I FEEL WE SHOULD
12 PUT THEM IN ONE AREA.

13 AND ANOTHER THING, TOO, IS IF WE CAN ADD THE
14 BORDER COMMUNITIES, BECAUSE LIKE THE LADY BEFORE, WE DO
15 SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE FROM THE CENTRAL VALLEY, FROM CALEXICO
16 AND THAT AREA, AND I FEEL THEY HAVE MORE IN COMMON WITH US
17 THAN WITH SOME AREAS NORTH OF 94, ESPECIALLY FOR THE
18 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF THE 50TH.

19 THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. SO THANK YOU VERY
20 MUCH.

21 CHAIRMAN LONGVILLE: THANK YOU, VERY MUCH,
22 MR. ANGULO, FOR TAKING THE TIME TO BE HERE TODAY.

23 I'M GOING TO ASK IF THERE'S ANYONE PRESENT WHO
24 HAD TURNED IN ONE OF THESE FORMS AND WHO DOES NOT -- WHO
25 HAS NOT BEEN RECOGNIZED? I'VE CALLED THE NAMES OF

1 EVERYBODY WHOSE FORMS I RECEIVED, BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE
2 THERE WASN'T A FORM THAT WAS LOST OR ANYONE ENTERED THE
3 ROOM AFTER THEIR NAME WAS CALLED.

4 OKAY. HEARING NONE, WE APPRECIATE VERY MUCH,
5 PEOPLE, THOSE OF YOU WHO TOOK THE TIME TO BE HERE TODAY.
6 THERE ARE -- DEMOCRACY DOES HAVE BIASES IN IT. ONE OF THE
7 BIASES THAT DEMOCRACY HAS IS THAT THOSE PEOPLE WHO BECOME
8 ACTIVE HAVE DISPROPORTIONATE INFLUENCE. THOSE OF YOU WHO
9 CAME HERE HAVE GREATER INFLUENCE THAN THOSE PEOPLE WHO
10 DIDN'T TAKE THE TROUBLE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING
11 PATIENT AND TAKING THE TIME TO BE HERE.

12 BEFORE WE CLOSE, I WANT TO NOTE THAT THE
13 SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL HEARINGS FOR THOSE WHO MAY BE
14 INTERESTED: NEXT FRIDAY WE WILL BE IN FRESNO, AT THE
15 FRESNO CITY HALL. A WEEK LATER, ON MAY 18TH, WE'LL BE IN
16 SAN FRANCISCO, AT A HEARING THERE. ON JUNE 1ST, WE'LL
17 HAVE A HEARING IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY OF
18 SEASIDE, WHICH IS IN THE MONTEREY BAY AREA.

19 ON JUNE 8TH, WE WILL BE HAVING A HEARING IN
20 THE RONALD REAGAN STATE BUILDING IN LOS ANGELES, ON
21 JUNE 8TH. AND WE HAVE NOT YET SET THE EXACT TIMES OR
22 EXACT LOCATIONS, BUT HEARINGS ARE ALSO COMING UP JUNE 22ND
23 IN SACRAMENTO, JULY 6TH IN SAN BERNARDINO, AND JULY 13TH
24 IN ORANGE COUNTY. IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE STATE SENATE
25 COMMITTEE WILL BE HAVING HEARINGS. I BELIEVE THEY HAVE A

1 HEARING, IN FACT, IN SAN DIEGO, I BELIEVE, IF I RECALL
2 CORRECTLY. I DON'T REMEMBER THE DATE OFF THE TOP OF MY
3 HEAD, BUT IT'S IN THE INFORMATION OUT ON THE TABLES OUT
4 FRONT. REMEMBER THAT YOU CAN GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
5 FROM OUR WEB SITES.

6 I WANT TO THANK VICE CHAIR ASHBURN FOR STAYING
7 THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE TIME. I GREATLY APPRECIATE IT.
8 AND ASSEMBLY MEMBER VARGAS, THANK YOU ALSO FOR BEING HERE.
9 THANK YOU ALL THE STAFF, THE SERGEANTS, AND THE POOR COURT
10 REPORTERS, WHO HAD TO WEAR OUT THEIR FINGERS. THANK YOU
11 ALL VERY MUCH.

12 IS THERE ANYTHING, STAFF, WE NEED TO COVER
13 BEFORE WE CONCLUDE THE HEARING?

14 HEARING NONE, WE WILL BE ADJOURNED. THANK YOU
15 AGAIN.

16 (WHEREUPON, AT 3:51 P.M. THE PROCEEDINGS WERE
17 ADJOURNED.)

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